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TO AVERT 'PAYLESS FRIDAYS'

## BOE cuts salary raises

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REPORTER

The Board of Education voted yesterday to slash the salary increases of Public School System staff by 50 percent, with the exception of employees earning below \$23,660 per annum, during a marathon board meeting on Capital Hill.

The new expense schedule—one of five proposed—was touted as the best way to avert “payless Fridays”

even as the BOE declared a fiscal emergency during the seven-hour board meeting.

BOE members Andrew Orsini, Philip Mendiola-Long, and board  
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## SIS student, SSHS team top civics contest

By MARC VENUS  
REPORTER

Preliminary judging showed that a

student from Saipan International School has topped the circuit level of a writing contest hosted by the U.S. District Court for the NMI, while a

team from Saipan Southern High School topped the video category of the competition.

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## Vessels headed for Rota forced back to Guam

Three vessels that had departed Guam last Saturday for Rota were forced to return to Guam on Monday.

The vessels—two traditional sailing canoes called the *Fanahigiyan* and the *Quest* and a motorized sail-

boat that acted as an escort/chase boat—were forced to turn back one by one to Guam after encountering trouble at sea.

On Sunday, June 2, at approximately 2pm, the CNMI Department of Public Safety Boating Safety

Unit on Rota responded to an emergency beacon that was activated about 15 miles southwest of Rota.

The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam informed DPS that the emergency was unknown at the time,

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## CHAMBER SCHOLARS

BEA CABRERA

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce 2019 Scholarship Awarding yesterday at the SCC General Membership meeting held at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. From left: SCC president Velma Palacios, First Hawaiian Bank assistant vice president and branch manager Vickie Izuka, David Phan of Northern Marianas College, Elaine Enriquez of Northern Marianas College, Kelvin Wolf of Marianas High School, Reica Ramirez of Mt. Carmel School, Seventh Day Adventist principal Mark Bugbee, Pionnah Gregorio of Marianas High School, Cole Chambers of Marianas High School, chair of EdWork Committee and CNMI SDBC director Nicole Babauta, and SCC executive director Maxine Laszlo.

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## Local

# Tebuteb wants Pagan airport developed

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Newly sworn in Commonwealth  
Ports Authority board member

Ramon Tebuteb said yesterday  
that CPA needs to redevelop the

small airport on Pagan.

In an interview, Tebuteb said

that what he understands is that  
the small airport on Pagan falls  
under the jurisdiction of CPA.

"I think CPA needs to address that and take it one step at a time to the point that we also need to develop it or fix it up," he said.

The existing airport on the island is presently covered in part with lava, but Tebuteb pointed out that small planes like the ones flying between Saipan and Tinian can still land over there.

Tebuteb was sworn in yesterday morning as a CPA board member. He immediately attended CPA committee meetings after taking his oath of office.

Tebuteb is a former Precinct 3 lawmaker. He was one for 15 years, once serving as a House speaker.

Tebuteb said a collective CPA board decision about the Pagan airport would be a good approach.

Right now, the island's small airport is closed. Pagan used to be inhabited but its people were evacuated in 1981 due to volcanic eruptions.

Tebuteb has no information

whether the CNMI government has already lifted the closure order it gave after the 1981 volcanic eruption.

Tebuteb has already gone to Pagan with a group that later visited the island and he recalls that the airport there was cleared for landing.

"I think there are still planes going out there once in a while," he said.

Developing the airport for so-called "adventure tourists" would be good for the people of the North-

ern Islands and the CNMI in general, he said.

The ability for small airplanes to land on Pagan, Tebuteb said, will give access not only to Pagan but to the rest of the uninhabited islands in the Northern Islands.

As his being a new CPA board member, Tebuteb said he is committed to helping the ports authority's mission.

Tebuteb said the ports are a reflection of the CNMI, since these are the gateways to the CNMI for visitors who come.

He has no CPA committee yet as he is still in the process of "getting acclimated." He expressed an interest, though, in seaport or finance matters.



**Tebuteb**

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BEA CABRERA

The six recipients of scholarship awards from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce are joined by their parents and former Chamber scholars during their introduction yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce membership meeting.

## Chamber names six scholarship recipients

By BEA CABRERA  
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Cole Chambers, who will graduate from Marianas High School in five days, was named yesterday as one of the six recipients of scholarship awards from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce this year.

Instead of being discouraged in the wake of the experience of having their roof blown off at the height of Super Typhoon Yutu last October, it only strengthened Chambers' ambition to pursue engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

"I want to design and build better structures and buildings in the CNMI so when a typhoon comes through, houses could take the typhoon's strength. This would hopefully [put] people [in] a better financial situation and have homes that can last a long time," he said. "Not only will a better structure be of help financially but also one's mental state."

Similar goals also inspired Pionnah Gregorio of Marianas High School to pursue civil engineering at Chapman University in California. "In my essay, I talked about infrastructure and how to minimize the damage and waste from future natural disasters," she said.

Besides Chambers and Gregorio, the other Chamber scholars are Reica Ramirez of Mt. Carmel School, Kevin Wolf of MHS, Elaine Enriquez of MHS, and David Phan of MHS.

The Chamber gave \$2,000 to each of the six scholarship recipients.

The Chamber received 50 scholarship applications this year.

"We had 23 applicants from high school level and 27 from the college level," said Chamber president Velma Palacios.

The criteria required of applicants are still the same as in previous years: academics, volunteer work, essay, and interview results.

"I read all the essays and majority were about personal experiences. ...One student mentioned that, even though their house had been damaged by Yutu, that student still continued to go to school and nobody knew. ...This shows resiliency and heart to move on," Palacios said.

She acknowledged the

many gifted and talented students in the CNMI. "This year and every year we get a good batch of scholars. We really want to give more and it's really hard but we try our best."

She said the Chamber looks forward to the scholars returning to the CNMI and creating an impact on the community.

Ramirez, who is bound for the University of California in Berkeley to pursue a double major in media studies and political science, said her essay was about many people's lack of interest in labor and immigration issues.

"Through my major, I could help voices to be heard, inform the people about solutions and educate people," Ramirez said.

Other awardees want to work on health and mental care systems in the CNMI.

Wolf wants to pursue psychology and theater as his double major at the Illinois Wesleyan University. "With a major in psychology, I plan to be a clinical psychologist and, one day move to psychiatry," he said. "I know students are struggling with mental health and not everyone can afford treatment and some parents don't believe that mental health is a real issue."

In her essay, Enriquez, who is finishing her bachelor's degree in education at the Northern Marianas College, talked about suicide and how teachers can help prevent it.

Phan, who is currently taking up education at NMC and will soon transfer to Portland State University to take up health studies and community health education, said there's been a lot of talks and issues raised about health care, "but not much movement has been made. I wanted to attack it from a different angle. Instead of focusing on primary care, maybe we should shift our focus to preventive measures."

Former scholarship recipients—press secretary Kevin Bautista, Commonwealth Casino Commission auditor Michael Chu, and the Legislative Bureau's Alexis Hofschneider gave inspirational speeches yesterday.

The Chamber scholarship program is open to graduating high school students, current college students, and students in trade and technical education.





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# Suspect in Aquino house burglary caught

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The man who allegedly burglarized the household of NMI Museum director Daniel Aquino was apprehended last Tuesday and is currently detained at the Department of Corrections.

Joshua James Torres Cruz, 27, was apprehended at about 8:37am last June 4 after police

found probable cause to arrest him. Aquino identified the jewelry that Cruz was wearing at the time of the arrest to be that of his son's.

Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a \$25,000 cash bail on Cruz and found probable cause to charge him with burglary and theft.

Cruz was ordered to return to court on June 17 at 9am for

an arraignment.

Cruz was represented by Jean Pierre Nogues of the Office of the Public Defender, while the government was represented by Chester Hinds of the Office of the Attorney General.

According to the declaration of probable cause, police were given a tip by a confidential source that led to Cruz's arrest. The confidential source told

police that two men may have been responsible for the burglary because they possessed some of the reported stolen items. However, after police spoke with both men, they both informed police that they got the jewelry from Cruz.

One of the men, who is related to Cruz, told police that Cruz gave him jewelry to pay off a \$40 debt. The man, in turn, sold some of the jewelry

to the other man, who sold them to multiple pawnshops on island.

The Aquinos were able to recover over \$10,000 of their stolen jewelry.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the Aquino residence in Susupe was broken into between 7am and 11am on April 23 and priceless jewelry and more were taken.

The burglars reportedly

rummaged through the house and stole only the jewelry box that contained many family heirlooms and sentimental jewelry.

Aquino said the burglar's entry point was through a kitchen window that had been pushed in and the screen slashed. The entry point is so small that Aquino believes a child was made to enter the window and then unlock the door.

## VESSELS

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only confirming that the distress signal was coming from a sailing canoe.

DPS launched a rescue boat at the West Marina of Rota and departed to meet with the Coast Guard at the GPS location of the distressed vessel.

Due to rough seas, the U.S. Navy launched their rescue helicopter to airlift the passengers on board the vessel back to Guam.

It was later learned that on Saturday, June 1, at about 5am, the three sailing vessels departed for Rota from the Guam Agana Boat Marina. The three vessels with about 13 passengers were scheduled to arrive on Rota the following day at about 8am.

At 8am, Sunday, June 2,

USCG Sector Guam notified DPS that the escort vessel was being towed back to Guam due to a mechanical failure, while the two traditional sailing canoes continued to sail toward Rota. At this time DPS personnel were on standby at the Rota West Marina awaiting their arrival.

At about 2pm, USCG issued an urgent marine information broadcast on Channel 16 on VHF radio. DPS then launched the rescue boat to the location of the *Quest* sailboat before DPS was informed that the crew on the *Quest* had been air-lifted back to Guam due to a broken mast and moderate damage to the hull, which could not be repaired at sea.

DPS was notified that the *Fanahigian* was about 30 miles north of Guam and was

still bound for Rota. Both DPS and USCG continued to monitor the progress of the vessel.

On Monday, June 3, 2019 at about 6am, the USCG informed DPS that the *Fanahigian* made contact via satellite phone that it has discontinued their course to Rota and is returning to Guam due to rough seas. *Fanahigian* arrived back safely at the Agana Boat Marina at 7pm the same day, with all its crew members accounted for.

DPS reminds all boaters to check all safety gear and equipment before going into the water, to have proper supplies, and to share your plans with friends and family. If you are not sure of how to check your vessel's safety equipment, stop by your local Boating Safety Unit and ask for assistance from the officers. (PR)

## SIS

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The contest was part of the 2019 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest for high school students in the western United States, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Over 1,300 young people entered the contest, which offers cash prizes and a chance to meet some of the nation's eminent jurists and legal practitioners.

All of the 15 federal courts in the Ninth Circuit held local contests with winners going on to compete in the circuit-wide competition. In all, 45 essays and 26 videos were selected for final consideration by the Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee, which will announce the winners later this month.

In the CNMI leg of the competition, You Sun Lee of SIS won the writing competition. Second and third places

went to Mount Carmel School students Matt Jason Moran and Bom Lee, respectively.

The video competition was won by the team of Chenille Anne Geronimo, Marjorie Joy Agana, and Nikka Nae of Saipan Southern High School, while second place went to the team of Roma Malasarte, Rainalyn Reyes, and Eddawn Labador, also of SSHS.

The contest had the theme "The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—What is an 'Unreasonable Search and Seizure' in the Digital Age." Students in grades 9-12 in public, private, and church-related schools and home-schooled students of equivalent grades were challenged to write an essay or create a short video on the topic.

The winners of each contest will compete in the circuit-wide competition. Each submission was brought to the Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee for consideration, which will be

announced later this month.

At the circuit level, prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in both the writing and video competition. In addition, first-place winner along with a parent/guardian will be invited to attend the circuit conference.

"Civics education is fundamental to help ensure that young people become knowledgeable citizens who understand and participate in our democracy. We are extremely pleased to have had so many students from many different places in the circuit participate," said U.S. District Judge Janis L. Sammartino of San Diego, who chairs the Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee.

The Ninth Circuit covers the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, the U.S. territories of Guam and the CNMI.

## BOE

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chair Janice A. Tenorio voted for the implementation of the salary reduction, while Rota representative Herman Atalig voted yes via teleconference after Saipan representative Marylou Ada walked out of the session at around 4pm yesterday. Atalig initially left the BOE meeting at around 2pm to catch a flight to Rota but returned shortly after Ada stormed off.

The new step means that salary checks will cover only the paychecks of employees minus all the trimmings—Group Health and Life insurance; medical insurance; utilities; etc.

The other option that BOE members were looking at included reduced gross income regardless of an employee's per annum salary, while the most extreme measure was a rollback of all salary increases implemented in 2017, which BOE members discarded due to the possibility of rebellion.

In an earlier BOE fiscal, personnel, and administrative committee meeting last Tuesday afternoon, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, along with Finance Secretary David Atalig, informed FPA members that at the very best, the central government may only remit about

\$700,000 to PSS bi-weekly, a large cut in their annual budget of \$36 million for fiscal year 2019. The members noted that \$700,000 is not enough for PSS.

With at least \$1.1 million bi-weekly and only \$700,000 of possibly erratic bi-weekly central government remittances, the BOE had to come up with an additional \$400,000 in order to cover the bare minimum of paychecks. The drastic salary cut, which would be implemented immediately, is enough to cover the bi-weekly shortfall.

### Tenorio: If we acted sooner, this wouldn't have hurt

Tenorio noted in a statement that had PSS acted as soon as Torres informed government agencies that budget cuts would be implemented, the financial impact to PSS wouldn't have been as dire.

"There is no new revenue to sustain the operation of government services—all government services, including critical and constitutionally mandated services such as education, healthcare, public safety," Tenorio said in a written statement she read to the BOE. "...If we actually took a deeper understanding of this scenario last January by implementing mitigating cuts and cost-cutting [measures],

what we are going to decide [today] will not be as difficult as it may seem."

Last May 7, PSS finance director Chris Ching proposed to then-acting Education commissioner Lynnette Villagomez cost-cutting measures that ultimately would have resulted in a 10-percent work-hours reduction for year-round PSS employees: PSS management, janitors, maintenance, bus drivers, and more.

However, Orsini and Atalig voted against this measure, while Tenorio and Ada voted for it. Ching also informed the BOE during their last board meeting that further delays in the implementation of this cost-cutting measure would result in a more extreme cut in the future.

### Ada walks out

The BOE was left with only three members at one point during yesterday's seven-hour board meeting when Ada stormed out after a stalemate to implement one of the more drastic salary-cutting measures.

With Tenorio and Long voting for the implementation of the salary increase rollback and Ada and Orsini joining forces against it, the BOE was left with a stalemate as Atalig was not present at the time.

An hour-long into discussions on implementing a

rollback descended into a motion introduced by BOE member Long.

During discussions, the BOE took into consideration that there could possibly be a rebellion among teachers should the rollback be implemented. On the other hand, PSS would be able to keep schools open along with paying for utilities expenses.

Resulting in a stalemate, Ada attempted to move to adjourn the meeting, but Tenorio did not entertain it.

"We don't have cash. We need a decision now or else there is no payroll," Long said right after the stalemate.

Tenorio addressed the two members who voted against the measure, "We have no cash for payroll," she said. "We haven't even received the payroll this Friday."

"I think you should respect the respective member's [decision]... I voted no, and I am entitled to that. I would like to just adjourn," Ada replied, bidding the PSS representatives good luck with the payroll. "There is always a solution," she added.

"What is your solution? May we get into that?" asked Tenorio.

"I already voted no. Motion is status quo. I move to adjourn the meeting; we cannot go around and start asking everybody why they do what

they did," Ada rebutted.

The back and forth went on with Ada even calling Tenorio out of order for questioning her and pressing her for answers.

"I made a motion to adjourn and, if not [entertained] I would just walk out and there would be no quorum," Ada said. "I don't want to explain myself," adding that she slept late the previous night and even went to church for guidance.

Ada then stepped out while Long suggested the 50-percent reduction in salary increases—the measure that ultimately gained enough support.

Ada did not step back into the meeting.

### Torres to submit revenue-generating proposal

In a statement last night, Torres noted that he would be submitting a revenue-generating proposal to the CNMI Legislature to make money for PSS, the Northern Marianas College, and the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

"I will be submitting a revenue-generating proposal to the Legislature that outlines a liquid fuel tax increase of 2 cents with the generated revenue allocated specifically for PSS, Northern Marianas College, and Commonwealth Health Care Corp. for a period of two years," Torres stated, adding

that education and healthcare are the top priorities to fund during these times.

"...Protecting teacher salaries, maintaining academic programs, and funding our islands' only hospital are shared goals that need to be addressed first and foremost."

"This drastic reduction in the PSS fiscal year 2019 budget forced the BOE to prioritize teacher and employee paychecks over nothing at all. However, employee paychecks bi-weekly at the bare minimum amounted to \$2.2 million monthly, and that was already without the additional costs such as taxes and insurances," he added.

Ching noted yesterday that, according to the recent BOE FPA committee meeting with Torres, PSS is expected to absorb a \$7.5-million reduction for the remainder of their fiscal year 2019 budget instead of the previously-estimated \$7.1 million.

"We appreciate members of the [BOE] for understanding the budget shortfall that we are all currently facing as a government. In preparation for this, I've had several discussions over the last few months with members of the board and the Legislature in order to fully protect our teachers' salaries so that classes do not get disrupted for our students and their families," he said.



**FALSE ALARM**

A fire truck leaves the Horiguchi Building in Garapan after it was confirmed yesterday afternoon that no fire happened in the building. A fire alarm prompted U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona and other court personnel, along with all occupants of the building, to evacuate the building. Firefighters and police officers later responded. It's not clear what triggered the alarm.

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## Woman who robbed poker arcade's cashier at knifepoint to plead guilty

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REPORTER

The woman who is accused of robbing a poker arcade in San Jose now wants to change her plea from not guilty to guilty.

Artemia Gabayeron, 51, through Doug Hartig of the Office of the Public Defender, informed the court yesterday that she would like to change her initial plea of not guilty to guilty.

The official change of plea agreement would state what charges she will be pleading guilty to as she is faced with multiple charges, including robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho set Gabayeron's change of plea hearing on June 19, 2019, at 9am.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, surveillance footage allegedly showed Gabayeron robbing the Royal Poker gaming arcade in Oleai last April 11. Gabayeron was reportedly seen entering the arcade and leaving after robbing the female cashier of \$649. She allegedly threatened her at knifepoint.

The suspect allegedly walked into the establishment between 6:30am and 6:45am after the security guard had left and made sure that there were no other people inside the establishment before proceeding with the robbery.

The suspect called the cashier for assistance first before forcing her way inside the cashier's area and holding the cashier at knifepoint.

A short struggle occurred before the suspect was able to open the cash register and grab a handful of cash valued at \$649.

The suspect then fled the establishment, going south toward Oleai.

Gabayeron was apprehended two days later at her home.

Court information mentions that a human resources representative from a Susupe hotel, where she worked at, helped police identify Gabayeron through photos from the surveillance footage, confirming that it was, in fact, Gabayeron and directed police to Gabayeron's residence in As Terlaje.

Aside from identification by her employer, Gabayeron was also identified by the victim in a six-person lineup.

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# With no abortion providers in Guam, women forced off-island

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—Guam residents seeking abortions must travel beyond the island due to a lack of providers.

The *Pacific Daily News* reported Monday that abortions are legal on Guam, but no doctors there have offered the procedure since the last abortion provider retired

last year.

The Guam Office of Vital Statistics says there have not been any reported abortions in the U.S. territory since May 2018.

Guam law allows abortions within 13 weeks by a licensed provider.

The law says anyone who terminates a pregnancy—in-

cluding a pregnant woman—without the assistance of a doctor can be charged with a third-degree felony.

Doctors can legally refuse to perform abortions, unless there is a medical emergency.

The Bureau of Women's Affairs director says she is concerned about the lack of choice.

## Man who choked girlfriend pleads guilty

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REPORTER

The man who allegedly choked his girlfriend over a dispute about betel nut has pleaded guilty.

Michael Cabrera Sanchez, 41, pleaded guilty to assault and battery last Tuesday before Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio.

Kim-Tenorio held off sentencing Sanchez until after she reviews the sentencing memorandum.

Sanchez was charged with assault and battery after allegedly choking his girlfriend and throwing a shoe at her in front

of their children over betel nut.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, police responded to an alleged domestic violence at Lao Market in Chalan Kanoa back in April.

The victim told police that her boyfriend, Sanchez, had just woken up that morning and asked her for cigarette and betel nut. When she told him she had none, Sanchez allegedly got mad at her and choked her in front of their two children. The victim told police she was breathing but barely.

Following the incident, Sanchez allegedly threw a shoe at the victim's face when she

said she'd call the police. The victim then went to Lao Market to call the police but Sanchez followed her and allegedly hung the phone up as the victim was talking to police.

The Lao Market manager told police that she heard the victim talking to police when Sanchez came in and grabbed the phone from her. The manager told police that she overheard Sanchez ask the victim, "Why are you calling the police, I was just asking for betel nut."

Sanchez then left but the victim remained at the store. The manager said the police arrived after about five minutes.

## CPA board member Reyes says harbor patrol boat is old, unsafe

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A Commonwealth Ports Authority board member wants CPA's over-15-year-old harbor patrol boat replaced.

This comes soon after CPA police assistant chief Juan Rebuénog told CPA board's seaport facilities committee chaired by Pete Reyes yesterday that the harbor patrol boat—a 27-foot vessel—is over 15 years old and that it will cost about \$270,000 to have it repaired and upgraded in Guam.

Rebuénog said a brand new 37-foot boat that they want to replace the old boat with costs \$300,000.

Reyes said he saw the need to either replace the old boat or buy a new one last year after he used the patrol boat to go to Tinian for a board meeting instead of getting on a plane to

go there. He said he chose to ride the boat so he could see its performance.

Reyes said he observed that the vessel is not properly equipped with communication tools and that the engine was faltering.

Reyes considers the boat's performance unsafe for CPA staff to use for patrols.

"I am very concerned about the possibility of failure on the part of the equipment of the boat and concerned for the staff who operates it," he had said.

In his latest interview, Reyes said the boat needs to be replaced. He said the engine is being constantly repaired and it lacks new technology that is normally found in a new boat.

Reyes also pointed out that a new boat's engine is more fuel-efficient and economical. He said the existing boat eats up a lot of costs.

Reyes said it does not make sense to fix that boat when, based on Rebuénog's cost analysis, the estimate to have it repaired in Guam to bring it up to standard is over \$270,000, while a brand-new boat is \$300,000.

"So, it is a matter of a couple of thousands," he said, adding that, with the new boat, they don't have to worry about CPA staff risking their lives.

Reyes said if the cost analysis shows that it's best to purchase a new vessel rather than to dry dock and fix the old boat, then the board will make that decision.

"I'm still pushing to buy instead. I hate to see people go out there and risk their lives, knowing that the equipment is faulty. That's not very responsible of us," he said.

Reyes said if they will buy a new boat, the existing one will most likely be auctioned.

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Writers' workshop on June 15 at JKPL

Local author Walt F.J. Goodridge will be leading a writers' workshop on June 15, 2019, from 9am to 12pm, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's video teleconference room. Admission is \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door (\$5 for students with ID). Twenty percent of admission proceeds will be donated directly to the library on the day of the event. Seating is limited. To register, visit the front

desk of the library. For more information, and to see some success stories from past workshops, visit [www.saipanwriters.com](http://www.saipanwriters.com). (PR)

#### Guam CHamoru commission meetings set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'na'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' Taotao Tāno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of History and Culture of the In-

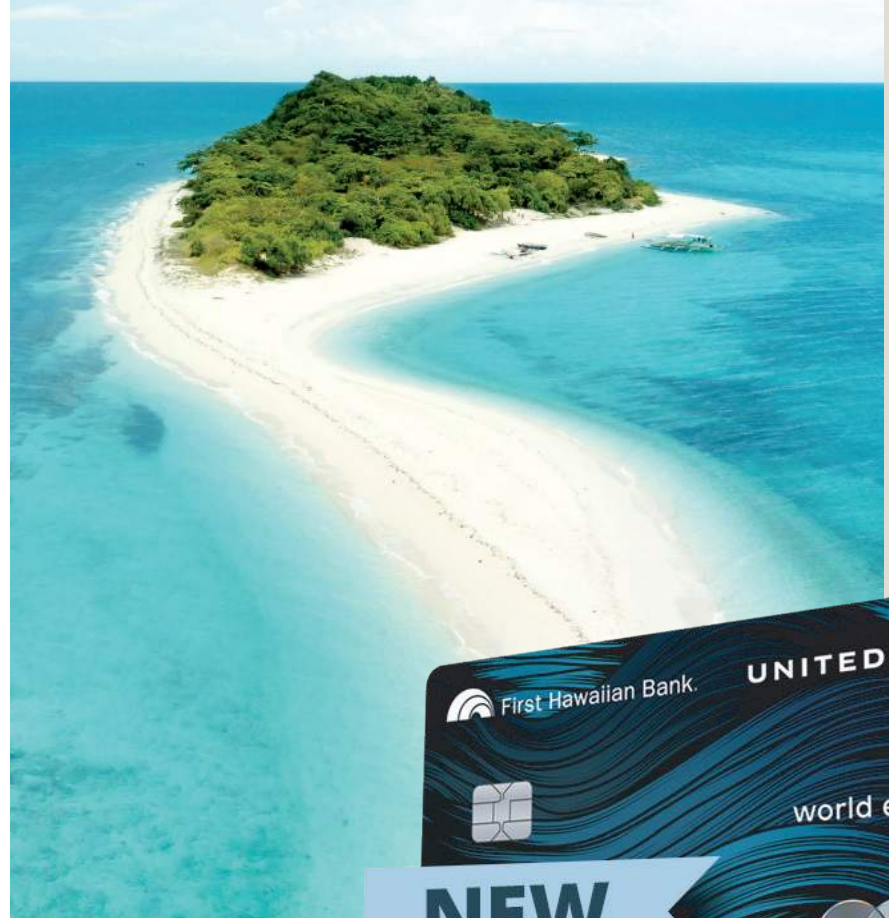
digenous People of Guam) will hold its monthly meetings on June 13, and 20, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Kumision office, The Garden House, Plasa de Espana, Hagatna.

A work session will be held on June 27, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3pm, at the same venue.

For further information call commission chair Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or commission secretary Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. (PR)



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# Hyatt offers a treat for the graduates of 2019

By **BEA CABRERA**  
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CORRESPONDENT



Hyatt Regency Saipan is celebrating this year's graduation season with special meal packages for the graduates and their families at the hotel resort's Giovanni's and Teppanyaki restaurants, as the hotel's way of recognizing this milestone and the achievements of the Class of 2019.

## Giovanni's

Hyatt Regency Saipan chef Zen Tomokane knows what it feels like to graduate and achieve one of your dreams and Giovanni's would like to celebrate that.

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"Graduations are celebrated by the whole family and this is our way of celebrating with them by making available food that is meant to be shared," Tomokane said.

That includes the signature pasta sauces that Giovanni's is known for. "We take pride in serving the community with our authentic pasta dishes as every ingredient is carefully thought of. ...We do not do 'short-cuts'. ...Our goal is for our guests to have the best dining experience," Tomokane said.

Carbonara, puttanesca, and spaghetti vongole are some of their more popular pasta dishes.

As a treat to the graduates, order three pasta dishes and get a complimentary pizza of your choice.

"You can order any of your favorite pasta dishes from the Giovanni's menu and also choose the complimentary pizza that you like. This package is good for a family of four to five members," Tomokane said.

The carbonara is cooked in authentic Italian style, with no cream. Just egg yolk, pepper, salt-cured *guanciale* or pork cheek and topped with hard cheese.

Puttanesca is made with a rustic tasting tomato sauce that bursts with flavor from the anchovies—just like how the Italians like it.

Spaghetti vongole is white wine-based with short-neck clams and tossed with fresh pesto.

One pizza favorite in the Giovanni's menu is the "Bianca," which is made of hand-tossed and rolled pizza dough, topped with pesto, traditional tomato and garlic cream sauces, grilled vegetables, and shaved prosciutto.



Hyatt Regency Saipan chef Zen Tomokane and Hyatt outlet manager Pola Castro shows the Teppanyaki Graduation Special Dinner composed of certified Angus beef sirloin steak, jumbo tiger prawns and farmer's basket vegetables.

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Hyatt's graduation meal package is ongoing up until the end of June.

Aside from the delicious pasta and pizza dishes, Giovanni's also serves "sprit" or aperitif throughout the year.

## Teppanyaki

The Hyatt teppanyaki also has a "Graduation Special Dinner" menu. The meal starts with a garden salad with sashimi, tomato, cucumber and sesame dressing. The main dish is composed of certified Angus beef sirloin steak, jumbo tiger prawns, and farmer's basket vegetables. Fried rice, miso soup, and dessert of the day are included.

"This set menu goes for only \$55 for the graduate(s) and \$75 for non-graduates," Tomokane said.

For this offering, the Hyatt Club membership discount does not apply because the

meal is already discounted.

Hyatt also has an ongoing promo called "Certified Angus Beef Natural." For only \$60, this meal is composed of 8 ounces of grass-fed tenderloin steak, with grilled potatoes, mushrooms, and house-infused soy sauce, and fried rice. This time, Hyatt Club membership discount applies.

This promo highlights the farm-to-table concept, Tomokane said, as the cattle were never given antibiotics or growth hormones and were simply grass-fed.

The beef is marinated with extra virgin olive oil, garlic, and rosemary "then we flame broil it on the grill with fried rice," Tomokane said. "Guests will get the real beef flavor as there is no fat in the lean meat. ...The sauce gives a different flavor to the meat as we use aged soy sauce, flavored with rendered fat."

Pola Castro, the outlet manager for Giovanni's and Teppanyaki, said that this is Hyatt's way of highlighting the restaurants and its signature dishes. "This is also our way of telling the community that they can get quality dishes at affordable prices."

Giovanni's is open daily except on Mondays, from 6pm to 9pm, "El Praso" on Fridays, which is Italian lunch buffet, from 11:30am to 2pm, and Sunday Brunch from 11am to 2pm.

Teppanyaki is open daily except Monday, from 6pm to 9pm.

For reservations, call (670) 234-1234.



Hyatt Teppanyaki's "Certified Angus Beef Natural" shows what farm-to-table really means in presentation and taste.

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# Saint Trading to pay \$163K in back wages, damages

Saint Trading Co. Inc.—a hotel staffing agency on Saipan—is being made to pay \$163,327 in back wages and liquidated damages to 73 employees for violating the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division imposed a penalty of \$40,150 on Saint Trading because of the repeat nature of the violations.

WHD investigators found Saint Trading Co. Inc. failed to combine hours that some

employees worked at multiple locations during the workweek when determining whether overtime was due. This practice resulted in violations when workers' totals exceeded 40 hours per week, yet they were paid only straight time rates for the hours they worked at each separate location. The employer also violated the minimum wage requirements when it failed to reimburse employees for job-required medical exams, and food-handler trainings and certifications. The employer also failed to record or pay

employees for the time they spent securing these items.

In 2013, U.S. Labor found that Saint Trading violated similar FLSA provisions by failing to pay employees for all the hours they worked, including time they spent working before and after their scheduled shifts, and during their unpaid meal breaks. Investigators at that time also found that Saint Trading failed to combine all the hours worked at multiple job sites for purposes of determining and paying overtime hours—a

practice found to be ongoing in the current investigation.

These violations resulted in Saint Trading paying \$23,745 in back wages following the previous investigation.

"Employers that continue to operate in violation of federal labor laws can be subject to significant civil money penalties in addition to back wages and liquidated damages owed to employees," said Wage and Hour Division district director Terence Trotter, in Honolulu, Hawaii. "The U.S. Department of La-

bor is committed to ensuring a level playing field for law-abiding employers, and urges all employers to use the tools we offer to understand their responsibilities and avoid costly violations."

Employers that discover overtime or minimum wage violations may self-report and resolve those violations without litigation through

the PAID program. For more information about the FLSA and other laws enforced by the Wage and Hour Division, contact the division's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243).

Information is also available at [www.dol.gov/whd](http://www.dol.gov/whd) including a search tool for workers who may be owed back wages collected by WHD. (PR)

## USCIS to reject petitions with no US office address

On Aug. 5, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin rejecting Form I-129 petitions (Petition for a Non-immigrant Worker) that do not include the petitioner's or applicant's name and primary U.S. office address in Part 1 of Form I-129.

USCIS currently rejects Form I-129 for several reasons. These include, but are not limited to, lack of signature, incorrect fees, or unauthorized third party signing on behalf of the petitioner.

DHS regulations require every form to be submitted in accordance with the form instructions, and allow USCIS to reject any benefit request that is not filed in compliance with the regulations governing the specific benefit request.

The petitioner's or applicant's primary U.S. office address in Part 1 of Form I-129 must not be the address of the petitioner's or applicant's outside counsel or clients. Failure to include the petitioner's or applicant's name or providing the address of the petitioner's or applicant's outside counsel or clients in Part 1 creates unnecessary delays in the adjudication of Form I-129 and may

result in its rejection.

The Instructions for Form I-129 state, in relevant part: Petitioner Information: Complete the "Legal Name of Petitioner" field (if the petitioner is an individual person or a company or organization). For mailing address, list the address of the petitioner's primary office within the United States.

In many instances, the petitioner's or applicant's primary U.S. office address will determine the filing jurisdiction. Information about where to file Form I-129 is available on the Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker page.

Form I-129 petitions that USCIS rejects due to missing information can generally be refiled with the required information and fee. However, there are instances when a refiled petition or application would be rejected, such as when a statutory cap-subject petition is resubmitted after USCIS has received a sufficient number of petitions projected as needed to reach the congressionally mandated numerical limit (PR)



### Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 13, 2019  
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio  
Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe  
Tel. 670-234-9661, Fax 234-9666  
[www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp)

#### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 05/29/2019 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

#### B. Public Hearings:

**1. Rezone Application #2018-4299:** RJCL Corporation dba RNV Construction is requesting to rezone Lot No. 109 NEW-1 in Chalan Kiya from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial" zoning district for warehousing and fabrication of materials for construction projects. This lot is located along Attilong Lane, east of Saipan Health Clinic and Green Meadows School.

**2. Conditional Use Application #2019-2070:** ITS Corporation is proposing to construct two (2) two-storey structures to operate a tire shop. This use is classified as "Gas Station, Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Tract 22703-8 in Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

**3. Conditional Use Application #2019-2230:** American Huasheng Trade Corporation is proposing to occupy an existing 2-storey single family dwelling with (6) six bedroom units to operate a bed & breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 016 K 44 along Tasi Drive in DanDan. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

#### C. Communication

#### D. Old Business

1. Update on Public Nuisance & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2018

#### E. New Business

1. Board Decision on the ATV, UTV, and Motorcycle Regulation
2. Board Decision on Text & Map Amendments to 2013 Saipan Zoning Law
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

#### F. Executive (Closed) Session

#### G. Miscellaneous

- a. Other Matters
- b. Announcements
- c. Next Meeting

#### H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting, Zoning Board Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

### RJCL Corporation dba RNV Construction

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. RJCL Corporation dba RNV Construction is requesting to rezone Lots # EA 109 NEW-1 in Chalan Kiya, from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial" zoning district.

A public hearing will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Governor Pedro P. Tenorio  
Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 3:00 pm, June 12, 2019. Please send written comments via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

### American Huasheng Trade Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. American Huasheng Trade Corporation is proposing to occupy an existing 2-storey single family dwelling with (6) six bedroom units to operate a bed & breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 016 K 44 along Tasi Drive in DanDan. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

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/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting Chairman



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The following is Saipan Community School's 4th quarter Honor List for school year 2018/2019:

**PRINCIPALS' LIST-4.00**  
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Hui Yun Park-7th grade  
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Tiana Cabrera-8th grade  
Katie Choi-8th grade  
Grace Kim-8th grade  
Amena Mahmud-8th grade  
Angel Ren-8th grade  
Michelle Ryu-8th grade  
Jesus Sablan-8th grade

**"A" HONOR ROLL 3.50 TO 3.99**  
(No grades below a "B")

Katherine Brandt-6th grade  
Isaiah Aleksenko-7th grade  
Louise Cataluna-7th grade  
Jung Hyun Hwang-7th grade  
Tae Kyoung Kim-7th grade  
Seo Young Baek-8th grade  
Grace Ju-8th grade  
Hana Ojima-8th grade  
Vicky Wang-8th grade  
Jia Lin Zhen-8th grade

**"B" HONOR ROLL 3.00 TO 3.49**  
(No grades below a "C")

Sophia Brasuell-6th grade  
Mikaela Rabago-6th grade  
Soledad Sablan-6th grade  
Jenny Zhang-6th grade  
Jacky Zhen-6th grade  
Paul Camacho-7th grade  
Daniel Ju-7th grade  
Miles Borja-8th grade  
Anika Camacho-8th grade  
Edward Diaz-8th grade  
Wei Dong Hong-8th grade  
Dongyeon (Daniel) Kang-8th grade  
Charles McDonald-8th grade  
Jung Hyoun (Rina) Park-8th grade  
Cloie Seo-8th grade  
Lisa Yanan Zhou-8th grade

# 'Green' tourists help celebrate Marianas Tourism Month

Visitors to the Marianas during May Tourism Month had the chance to commemorate the month with tree planting on Tinian.

The Marianas Visitors Authority facilitated the activity for visitors to the island on May 22 and 23, 2019, as part of the "I'm a Green Tourist" event.

"Most of the tourists planted in pairs or in groups and then excitedly took pictures one by one beside the coconut trees they planted," said Vida Borja, MVA field operations manager. "They had fun planting even under the glaring heat of the sun at 1:30 pm!"

The visitors planted coconut trees along the main thoroughfare through island, called Broadway. The name of each participant was recorded as an acknowledgment of their work.

"My sincerest appreciation to the tourists and tour agents who participated during this much needed tree planting," said Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan. "Now they have more reasons to [revisit]... our beautiful island."

May is celebrated annually as Marianas Tourism Month. Other ongoing activities for the month included the 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden; visitor greetings



Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla Iakopo, 11th from right, joins tourists in planting coconut trees on Tinian on May 23, 2019. **MVA**



Visitors plant coconut trees on Tinian on May 22, 2019. **MVA**



A visitor plants a coconut tree on Tinian on May 22, 2019. **MVA**



Visitors plant coconut trees along the main thoroughfare on Tinian on May 22, 2019, in celebration of Marianas Tourism Month and as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's "I'm a Green Tourist" event. **MVA**



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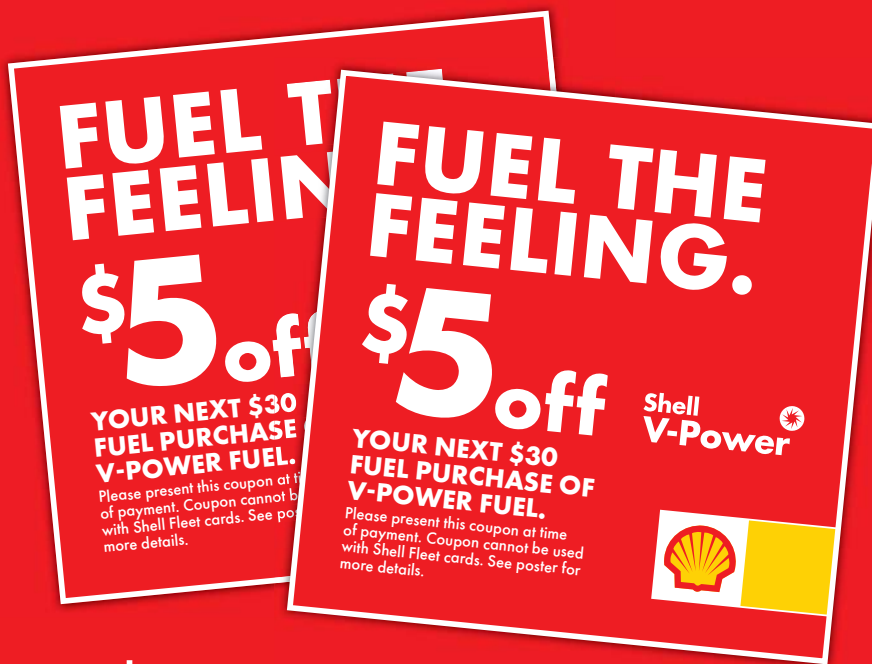
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### EDITORIAL

## Another mass shooting, and another reason to ask what's wrong with us

**W**hat will it take to stop this? Twelve people were murdered in a mass shooting in Virginia on Friday afternoon. The Virginia Beach community is now going through a process we know all too well in Connecticut—remembering the lost, struggling with incomprehensible grief, wondering if life will ever return to normal and asking, over and over, “Why?”

But for too many, this is normal now. The Virginia Beach shooting bears some resemblance to other workplace shootings, including the massacre at Hartford Distributors in Manchester almost nine years ago, when a deranged and disgruntled Omar Thornton sought to take out all his frustrations on his coworkers.

The “why” question will echo—nobody will be able to satisfactorily pin down what motivates people to do this. But the “what” question can be answered: The shooter had easy access to deadly weapons. And that problem has a solution.

The Virginia Beach shooter is said to have purchased the weapons he used legally. Two .45-caliber handguns, one of which had a “suppressor” that quiets the weapon when fired, and several empty extended magazines were found at the scene.

Saying they were purchased legally doesn't say much. Virginia's gun laws are among the loosest in the nation, according to the Giffords Law Center, which gives it a grade of “D.” Even after the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, when 32 people were killed, the state didn't tighten up its gun laws as much as it could have. Handgun purchasers in Virginia must undergo a background check to insure they are not convicted or indicted felons and that they do not have restraining orders. There are few other restrictions. There is no waiting period. No license is required. The only restrictions on the purchase of assault weapons are age and citizenship. Machine guns must be registered with state police.

The looseness of the law might explain the Giffords Law Center finding that “in 2017, Virginia ... supplied crime guns to other states at the 12th highest rate among the states. Virginia exported crime guns at nearly twice the national rate and nearly three times the rate at which it imported crime guns from other states.”

That underscores the need for legislation on the national level.

It's plausible that the Virginia Beach shooter would have claimed fewer lives if he didn't have access to those extended-capacity magazines. But engaging in an argument about hypotheticals is a distraction. The concrete question is simple: Would stricter gun safety laws erect reasonable barriers to keep military-spec weapons from getting into the hands of madmen without infringing on the Second Amendment rights of responsible gun owners?

Yes. They would. With better federal laws, there would be fewer deaths from firearms.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam made stronger gun laws part

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## The cigarette tax has saved millions of lives. A soda tax could too

By **HUNT ALLCOTT, BENJAMIN B. LOCKWOOD** and **DMITRY TAUBINSKY**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**Y**ou might want to think twice before downing that 12-ounce can of Coke. Since sugary drinks can cause a host of health problems, drinking one sugar-filled soda ends up imposing about 10 cents of health costs on others because the resulting medical bills are paid through Medicare, Medicaid or private insurers.

We came to this conclusion while studying what economics says about the benefits of soda taxes, which have been embraced by seven cities across the country.

After Berkeley became the first city in the U.S. to tax sugar-sweetened beverages, in 2014, consumption of such drinks dropped by more than 20%. San Francisco instituted a tax two years later. Nearly 40 countries also have soda taxes.

However, a Chicago-area soda tax was repealed after a series of demonstrations and legal challenges, and several states, including California, have banned cities from imposing new soda taxes.

We work in a subfield of economics called “behavioral optimal taxation,” which combines data, economic theory, and insights from behavioral economics to help answer questions about the benefits of taxes and other public policies. In late May, we released new analysis that found that soda taxes are beneficial for society.

Soda taxes counteract “externalities,” or costs that our decisions impose on others. One classic externality example is that driving our cars emits pollution that harms others. Similarly, sugary drinks impose externalities when others pay the resulting health care costs.

The standard solution to any externality problem is to impose a tax, so the price people pay reflects the full cost to society.

Soda taxes also counteract what behavioral economists call “internalities,” mistakes we make because we succumb to temptation or don't have all the information we need before making a decision. Two facts help quantify internalities. First, more than half of Americans who consume sugary drinks say they do so more often than they should. This suggests soda taxes could help people reduce their consumption to a level they are more comfortable with.

Second, those who are more educated about nutrition consume a lot fewer sugary drinks. This suggests that soda taxes could help people reduce consumption toward the level they would choose if they were fully informed.

Some people are concerned that soda taxes would unfairly impose a higher a higher tax burden on lower-income people,

because they tend to buy more soda. But it's not that simple. When soda prices rise, people purchase much less soda—and end up spending less on soda overall, according to our estimates. People with lower incomes also benefit the most health-wise from drinking less soda because they are more commonly affected by the diabetes, obesity and heart disease caused by sugary drinks. Those with lower incomes tend to be less knowledgeable about nutrition and more likely to report drinking soda more than they should.

We calculate that soda taxes improve well-being for people at all income levels, and they may benefit low-income consumers most.

Sugary drinks have long been shown to be bad for our health, and many doctors and public health scholars have advocated for soda taxes because of that. Our results also support soda taxes, but for a conceptually broader reason. We find that soda taxes increase what economists call “social welfare,” a comprehensive measure including health costs, the enjoyment from drinking beverages we like, tax revenues, and the extent to which benefits accrue to lower-income people.

When we monetize the social welfare impacts of a soda tax, our estimates imply that a well-designed nationwide soda tax would improve social welfare by \$2.4 billion to \$7 billion per year.

Basic economics suggests several possible improvements to existing soda taxes.

The sugar, not the water, is what's harmful to our health. However, many U.S. cities tax sugary drinks at one cent per ounce of liquid. If the drinks were instead taxed at a rate of 0.4 cents per gram of sugar, the social welfare gains would be much larger because a sugar-based tax more directly reduces harmful sugar consumption.

In addition, support for soda taxes would ideally emerge at the state or national level instead of the current smattering of city-level taxes. Some shoppers avoid paying the city tax by buying sugary drinks at stores just outside of town. This cross-border shopping dilutes a tax's benefits.

But even if more cities decide to institute soda taxes at the one cent-per ounce level, it would be far better than nothing. Over the last 60 years, cigarette taxes have helped to dramatically reduce smoking in the U.S., saving millions of lives. Soda taxes could do the same.

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# The president walks into a bar...

So, Bill Clinton walks into a bar with a parrot on his shoulder. Bartender says, “Does he talk?” Parrot says, “Not for less than 500 grand.” That’s an old-fashioned political joke—old-fashioned as in the 1990s. It takes a recognizable slice of truth, gives it an unexpected twist and out comes a little laugh that leaves no mark. Today’s American political humor is drastically different, reflecting a drastically different country than the one late-night legend Johnny Carson bid farewell to 27 years ago this month. The hosts of today’s late-night shows—Jimmy Fallon and the lesser-rated Seth Meyers on NBC, Stephen Colbert on CBS, who competes for the top spot, ABC’s Jimmy Kimmel, who trails, and Conan O’Brien on TBS—instead compete for meanest monologues. Such shows have always made fun of Republicans, suggesting they were dumb like actor Ronald Reagan, stumbling like Gerald Ford or incapable of speaking clearly like George W. Bush. Donald Trump is an adopted Republican, so he’s the butt of jokes about being stupid, too. “The president hosted trick-or-treaters at the White House,” Fallon noted. “The kids were excited ‘cause they met the president. Trump was excited ‘cause he thought he met Captain America.” But these days, late-night audiences still tuning in to such network fare are also fed a steady diet of just plain mean jokes, even crude ones, aimed less for laughs than to feed the anger of people still embittered by Trump’s shocking 2016 election upset. There’s little good-natured in these performances as comedians play to the angry side that dislikes, even detests, the president. “President Trump’s childhood home in Queens, New York, is

currently on sale for almost \$3 million,” Meyers said on Feb. 6. “And it still has all the original teeth marks on the lead-painted window sills.” Or Meyers in December: “According to a new poll, President Trump’s approval rating has risen to 46 percent. Though the only question on the poll was: ‘Would you rather have President Trump or scabies?’” Or this hilarious Meyers line: “The lawyer for adult film star Stormy Daniels said in a new interview that Daniels can describe President Trump’s ‘genitalia in great detail.’ Though frankly, I’d be a lot more surprised if Melania can.” The Trumps’ marriage is a frequent target. Fallon observed a sinkhole appeared on White House property: “But after grounds crew investigated, they realized it was just another one of Melania’s escape tunnels.” “I wanna say happy birthday to First Lady Melania Trump,” he added last month. “Yep. Melania Trump made a wish, blew out her candles, opened her eyes and said, ‘Oh, crap! He’s still here.’” Last summer, Fallon quoted Trump in a speech saying, “Sometimes you have to toot your own horn because nobody else is going to do it.” Cause the last time someone else tooted Trump’s horn, it cost him \$130,000.” The comedian at last year’s White House Correspondents Dinner, Michelle Wolf, was so unfunny and insulting to Trump press secretary Sarah Sanders, the organization this year hired a historian instead to speak. To be sure, late-night hosts make jokes about other politicians. But they’re notably gentler than the Trump lines. For instance, Kimmel made fun of South Bend Mayor Pete

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Buttigieg’s name the other night: “He would be our first openly gay president and our first President Pete. Which sounds like a movie where Kevin James winds up in the White House, right?” O’Brien chimed in facetiously on a Trump tweet about the Notre Dame Cathedral fire: “We’re all very grateful to the president for suggesting that in the case of fire, water and acting quickly might be the right idea.” Bob Hope and Carson made a living off political jokes that got laughs without applause signs. During one of his many USO trips to visit troops in Vietnam during war protests, Hope reassured them: “The country is behind you 50 percent.” Carson once noted, “There’s a power struggle going on between President Reagan’s advisers. Moe and Curly are out. Larry is still in.” A different time. A different pop culture. And these “entertainers” are free to mock whomever they please, as long as advertisers are willing to pay. Laughter can be a great cleanser and a unifying force. Some politicians have used self-deprecation as a powerful tool. But as we head into another divisive election season, I can’t help thinking the work products of the current crop of so-called comics are doing exactly the opposite.

# Food for Thought: Filipino Food ASAP

In honor of CNMI-PH Friendship Month this June, here is the first in a series of sonnets I call “Food for Thought: Acrostic Sonnet Appetizing Poems, or ASAP. They list popular foods from given countries with some light historical, political, geographical, and cultural threads woven throughout. These two, *Sinigang Tinola* and *Adobo Pancit* Rice, bring *masarap* (delicious) memories. Filipino proverb: *Ang hindi marunong magmahal sa sariling wika, ay mahigít pa sa mabaho at malansang isda.*” English translation: “He who does not love his mother tongue is worse than a rotten fish.” Meaning, honor your origins and the language of your ancestors.

## Sinigang Tinola Tales

S: Sinigang na may gabi for dinner tonight  
I: Igorot friends from Northern Luzon  
N: Not too much cooking oil keep it light  
I: Ilocos is where my *kumare* is from  
G: Got sinampalukang kambing, goat  
A: And siling labuyo hot pepper sauce  
N: Need to remember to cast my vote

G” Going over to see my *kumpare* boss  
  
T: Tinola with leaves from malunggay  
I: Inside my tummy is very masarap  
N: Now for mango empanada pie  
O: Ocean nearby has a lobster trap  
L: Lechon *babui* coming up next  
A: All my *kompares* I have to text

## Adobo Pancit Rice Advice

A: Adobo is number one for Jose  
D: Daily consumption not necessary  
O: Once or twice a week is quite OK  
B: Bagoong *guisado* makes me merry  
O: Often made with chicken or pork eat with rice, hot peppers, and fork  
  
P: Pancit on the table for every fiesta  
A: Add shrimp for taste and color  
N: Noodles galore I want more  
C: Chicken in it makes you fuller

## LITERARY NOOK

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I: It is one dish you just can’t ignore  
T: Turmeric makes its color less duller  
  
R: Rice doesn’t need to be red  
I: It can be yellow instead  
C: Color yellow for Laban  
E: Enough for the whole gang

“*Ang ampalaya kahit anong pait, sa nagkakagusto’y mata-mis.*” (No matter how bitter a vegetable is, it is sweet to those who like it.)

## ANOTHER

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of his 2017 campaign, but efforts to pass legislation that would limit gun magazine size and give local governments broader authority to ban guns in city buildings couldn’t get any traction in Virginia’s legislature. In January, the legislature killed a bill that

would have banned sales of large-capacity magazines such as the ones found in the Virginia Beach massacre. But this is not a state-level problem. This is a national problem. As of Monday, 167 people have been killed in 156 mass shootings just this year. The number will continue to grow. It’s time to continue the push for national legislation similar to Connecticut’s, which bans assault weapons and extended magazines, among other smart restrictions.

Given the number of guns already in circulation in the country, it’s unlikely that legislation will end gun violence. But we cannot let it continue unabated. The nation needs to look in its mirror and acknowledge the facts staring back at us: If we do not enact better gun safety legislation at the federal level, we share the responsibility for what comes next.

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# 30 years after Tiananmen, the tanks are gone but the oppressive Chinese state remains

Thirty years ago today, the world watched in horror as Chinese troops cracked down brutally on peaceful protests by students who sought to give the Chinese people more say over their daily lives. The lingering image of the pro-democracy movement, though, was from the next day, when a lone, unarmed man stopped a column of tanks in Tiananmen Square. It was a symbol of courage, defiance and the power of an individual—sustained, perhaps, by the fact that he’s never been identified and his fate is unknown. To many in the West, the crackdown was but a death rattle of an authoritarian system on the wrong side of history. As the growing, liberalized Chinese economy spread prosperity across the country, and as the internet opened a window into free-world thought and culture, they believed the pressure for democracy and self-determination would become irresistible. In the three decades since then, the Chinese economy has, in fact, grown spectacularly, lifting tens of millions of people out of poverty and creating a strong middle class. But the

technology that helped Chinese people to connect to one another in unprecedented ways also enabled Orwellian surveillance and propaganda operations that have helped cement the Chinese Communist Party’s autocratic grip on power. The Chinese government has also used concerns about terrorism as a pretext to enact cynical security laws that give it even more power to spy on online traffic, suppress dissent and block foreign nonprofits from assisting its critics. Meanwhile, by allowing some public pushback on the digital margins, tolerating small-scale online agitation for consumer protection or improvements in public works, the government pantomimes the accountability found in a democracy. True change remains a mirage. As a result, China’s pro-democracy movement seems to be sustained mainly by activists who’ve fled to safer shores. It’s telling that while we in the West can still see the “Tank Man” photos, watch the video and read about the incident, the Chinese government is trying to erase them from its people’s memory.

But then, tanks are so 20th century. Today, the fist of Chinese oppression is best symbolized by the “reeducation” camps in Xinjiang province, roughly 2,000 miles west of Tiananmen Square, where the Chinese government has detained up to 2 million Muslims in an effort to combat alleged separatism and religious extremism among the native Uighurs. Not coincidentally, the province is a key outpost in China’s “Belt and Road” initiative that aims to increase China’s exports to and its influence over south Asia, Africa and Europe. We certainly hope that China’s growing prosperity and integration into global commerce will prove inimical to its authoritarian impulses. But the years since the Tiananmen Square protests have shown us that progress toward liberty and democracy is not inevitable. In China, the government sells “stability” as the guarantor of the economic growth that the public craves, when it’s real aim is to keep the forces of change at bay.

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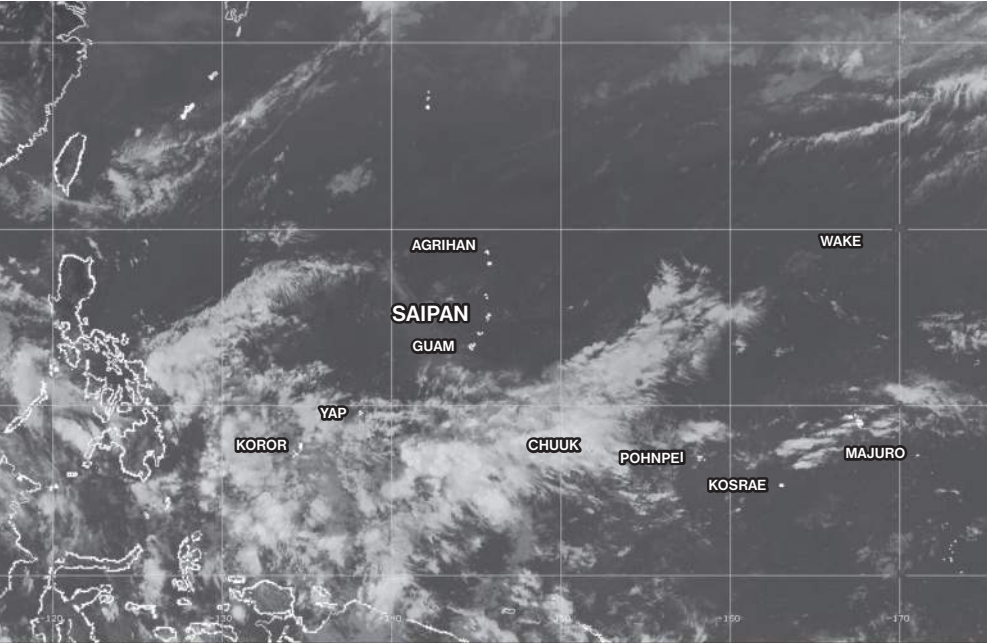


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	
89°	79°	89°	79°	89°	78°	89°	78°	89°	78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 8:25 AM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters, however it also shows a distinct back edge to the showers currently just east of the coastal waters and moving west. The VAD wind profile indicates east-northeast winds of 13 to 19 knots through the lowest 9 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet, composed mainly of east swell and east-northeast wind waves.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	57° / 54°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	91° / 64°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°	
London	Rain	63° / 52°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	75° / 62°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	97° / 82°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	63° / 48°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°	
New York	Showers	86° / 66°	
Osaka	Rain	79° / 70°	
Paris	Rain	66° / 55°	
Busan	Rain	72° / 64°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	79° / 57°	
Salem	Cloudy	87° / 70°	
San Francisco	Windy	61° / 51°	
Seoul	Rain	82° / 63°	
Tokyo	Showers	81° / 66°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	89° / 71°	



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3:55 AM	LOW TIDE	1.24	
8:33 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.92	
4:02 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.56	
11:16 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.02	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:46 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:11 AM	9:32 PM	-
Friday	9:13 AM	10:29 PM	-
Saturday	10:14 AM	11:21 PM	-
Sunday	11:15 AM	-	-
Monday	-	12:10 AM	12:13 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
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UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
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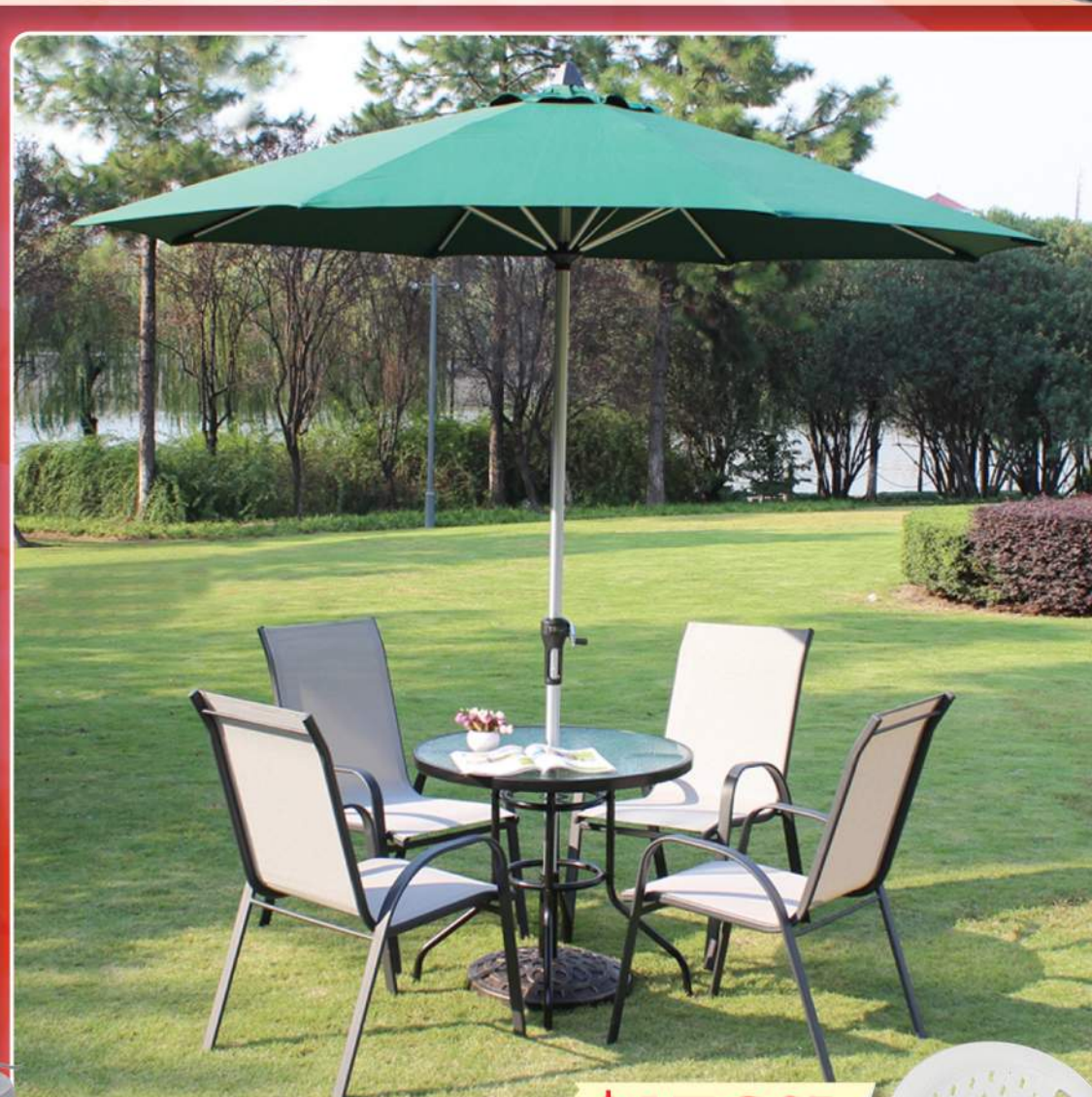
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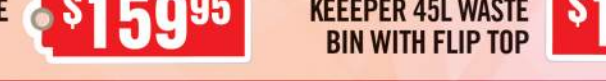
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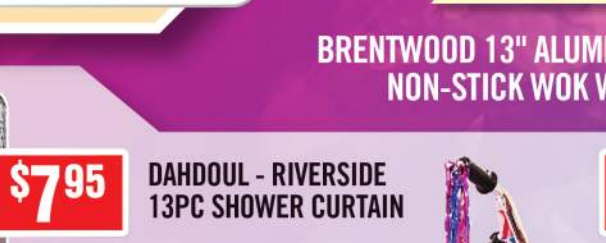
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Business

Poor Americans likely to be hit hardest by new US tariffs

PHOENIX (AP)—The biggest victims of President Donald Trump’s tariffs won’t necessarily be Mexicans or Chinese or young urbanites who will have to pay more for avocado toast.

The people likely to pay the steepest price for Trump’s attempts to bend Mexico and China to his will are poor Americans, who already live

close to the financial edge and could have to pay more for everyday purchases.

For many low-income households, tariffs “are a tax on their consumption, and by raising the cost of their consumption, they will likely have to cut back,” said Jay Shambaugh, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

The president last week an-

nounced plans to impose a 5% tax on Mexican imports unless that country halts all unauthorized border crossings into the United States. The tariffs would ratchet up to 25% in the coming months if Mexico fails to stop the flow of immigrants and asylum-seekers.

The threat of higher tariffs follows a decision in May to hike tariffs to 25% from 10%

on Chinese imports, a move designed to increase pressure on China to agree to more favorable trading terms with the United States.

But rather than force concessions from China and Mexico, the tariffs could boomerang on U.S. consumers and companies. The taxes could raise the price of fruits and vegetables and disrupt the supply chain for

auto parts in ways that could hurt vehicle sales.

That would be hard on people like Walter Rogers, a 65-year-old retiree living in Phoenix on a Social Security check he says is about \$700 a month.

“We just got a cost-of-living raise. Now they’re going to raise prices?” Rogers said as he walked to Walmart. “Hardly anybody can afford this.”

Executives at Walmart and dollar-store chains, which import much of their merchandise and serve many low-income customers, have warned that tariffs could lead to higher prices.

A 2017 research paper co-authored by Shambaugh found that tariffs would eat up a greater proportion of the incomes of the bottom 10% of households. The burden would be much lighter for those higher up on the financial ladder.

The findings—which are backed by most economists—stand in sharp contrast to Trump’s misleading claim that foreign countries are paying the tariffs. In reality, the taxes are passed along to consumers and companies in the form of higher prices and reduced economic activity that can stifle overall growth.

There are two major reasons why the poor face an outsized burden, Shambaugh said.

First, poorer Americans tend to spend all of their income, while wealthier Americans have enough income left over to save and invest. That leaves the poor more exposed to higher prices from import taxes.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Renault, Nissan urge legal action against Ghosn expenses

PARIS (AP)—Renault says an internal audit with partner Nissan found 11 million euros in questionable expenses at their Dutch-based holding linked to ousted chief Carlos Ghosn. In a statement Tuesday night, the French carmaker recommended joint Renault-Nissan legal action in the Netherlands, where the alliance is based. It suggested ordering Ghosn himself to reimburse the company for some of the expenses. The statement says the audit of joint company RNBV found deficiencies “in terms of fi-

nancial transparency and procedures for monitoring expenditure.” It noted questionable expenses for Ghosn’s air travel, personal spending and donations to nonprofit organizations. Ghosn is facing accusations of financial misconduct in Japan, which he denies and says are politically driven by enemies at Nissan. Ghosn was credited with leading Renault’s rescue of Nissan from near bankruptcy.

Czech court sentences 3 men for trading in tiger products

PRAGUE (AP)—A court in the Czech Republic has convicted three men of killing


critically endangered tigers and illegally trading in tiger products. They were arrested last year after police conducting raids in Prague and elsewhere in the country discovered the body of a recently killed tiger, a large number of skins of big cats and the bodies of 20 other protected animals. The county court in Ceska Lipa sentenced taxidermist Milos Hrozinek to three years in prison on Tuesday. Animal parks owner Ludvik Berousek received a two-year suspended sentence and a fine, and Vietnamese businessman Xuan Vu Le also got a two-year prison sentence. Prosecutors say the

three arranged to have tigers killed and their body parts processed for products to be sold on the black market to Asian buyers. The men can appeal.

Items stolen from pharmacy chains, resold to local markets

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Authorities in Delaware’s largest city have closed five local mini-markets amid an investigation into organized shoplifting targeting major drug store chains. Wilmington police said Tuesday that authorities located stolen merchandise bearing Walgreens or CVS labels at

each of the five businesses. Licensing and inspection officials identified additional violations involving health and safety that led to the immediate closure of all five businesses pending compliance. Police say an investigation into a string of shoplifting incidents discovered that local store owners were providing details about items of interest such as soap and deodorant to individuals who would then steal the items from pharmacies. The store owners would pay the shoplifters about \$1 per item, then resell the stolen goods to customers at a higher price. Police say the investigation is continuing.



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There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit for this project on June 7, 2019, at 9:00am ChST at the Evidence Preservation Building Susupe, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing on or before June 12, 2019, to the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, by email to: patrickguerrero@pa.gov.mp, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

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The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

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5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred and twenty calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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# Nation

## After massacre, Virginia governor demands action on guns

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.** (AP)—Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced Tuesday he will summon lawmakers back to the state Capitol this summer to take up a package of gun-control legislation, saying last week's mass shooting in Virginia Beach calls for "votes and laws, not thoughts and prayers."

Northam, a Democrat faced with a gun-friendly, Republican-controlled General Assembly in the middle of a legislative election year, also said he wants every lawmaker to go on record for or against his proposals during the special session, rather than avoid tough votes by quietly killing the bills in subcommittee.

"The nation will be watching," the governor said, four days after Virginia Beach employee DeWayne Cradock used two semi-automatic handguns, a silencer and extended ammunition magazines to slaughter 12 people at a municipal building. Cradock was then killed in a gun-battle with police.

Northam's bills include a ban on silencers and high-capacity magazines, as well as a broadening of the ability of local governments to prohibit guns in city buildings. The governor said he also wants mandatory, universal back-



Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam pauses to wipe his eye while making remarks dealing with gun violence as he held a news conference inside the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond, Va. Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

ground checks before gun purchases; a limit of one handgun purchase per month; and a "red flag" law that would allow authorities to seize weapons from people deemed a

threat to themselves or others.

"I will be asking for votes and laws, not thoughts and prayers," he said, mocking the usual response to gun violence by supporters of the gun lobby.

No immediate date for the special session was set, but Northam said he wants to hold it in late June.

In a statement, GOP Speaker Kirk Cox dismissed

the governor's call for a special session as "hasty and suspect when considered against the backdrop of the last few months"—a reference to the blackface photo scandal that nearly destroyed Northam's career.

Cox said the Republicans will instead put forward legislation to toughen penalties—including new, mandatory minimum sentences—for those who use guns to commit crimes.

"We believe addressing gun violence starts with holding criminals accountable for their actions, not infringing on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens," he said.

Another top Republican, Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment, noted that the governor is pushing for legislation that already failed earlier this year. "This governor has opted for political posturing over solutions," Norment said.

National Rifle Association spokeswoman Jennifer Baker accused Northam of "exploiting a tragedy to push his failed political agenda."

Virginia is generally considered a very gun-friendly state and is home to the NRA headquarters. After the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, in which a student with a history of mental problems shot

32 people to death, the state passed a law prohibiting people adjudicated as seriously mentally ill from buying a gun. But a push at the time for universal background checks failed.

Most of the other legislation proposed this time has also fallen short before in Virginia, where Republicans hold slim majorities in the House and Senate. All 140 legislative seats are up for grabs this year, and the Democrats are thought to have a realistic chance of taking back control of the General Assembly.

In making the announcement at a state office building, Northam got a standing ovation from gun-control advocates, state workers and elected officials as he said the massacre in Virginia Beach demands that lawmakers put saving lives ahead of party loyalty.

Noting that first responders saved lives in last week's attack, he said: "Now, I'm calling on the elected officials of this commonwealth to become second responders. Your duty is clear: Rush to the scene and put a stop to this violence."

"Show Virginians that it doesn't matter what party you are in, we all are Virginians first, and we care about the safety and security of every Virginian," he added.

## Florida deputy charged for inaction during Parkland shooting

**MIAMI** (AP)—The Florida deputy who knew a gunman was loose at the Parkland high school but refused to go inside to confront the assailant was arrested Tuesday on 11 criminal charges related to his inaction during the massacre that killed 17 people.

Scot Peterson was on duty as the resource officer at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on the day of the February 2018 shooting but never entered the building while bullets were flying. He was charged with child neglect, culpable negligence and perjury—allegations that carry a maximum prison sentence of nearly 100 years.

Peterson was seen on surveillance video rushing with two staff members toward the building where the shooting happened. When they arrived, he pulled his weapon and went forward but then retreated and took up a position outside, where he stood with his gun drawn.

The charges follow a 14-month investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which conduct-

ed interviews with 184 witnesses, reviewed hours of surveillance videos and compiled 212 investigative reports, the agency said.

Peterson "did absolutely nothing to mitigate" the shooting, FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen said in a statement. "There can be no excuse for his complete inaction and no question that his inaction cost lives."

Lori Alhadeff, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was killed, said she was surprised to hear of Peterson's arrest. She recalled sending a text to her daughter when she heard there was shooting.

"I told her to hide, that help was on the way. Well, Peterson was that help, but he froze, and he failed us all that day," Alhadeff said. "He was supposedly the good guy with the gun who was supposed to go in and meet the threat, and he let us all down."

Tony Montalto, whose daughter Gina Montalto, also 14, died in the attack, said families wanted justice to be done.

"We are happy to see some accountability for this trag-

edy," said Montalto, president of the Stand With Parkland victim families' group.

Peterson, 56, was jailed on \$102,000 bail. If released, he will be required to wear a GPS monitor and surrender his passport and will be prohibited from possessing a gun, the prosecutor said.

His lawyer, Joseph DiRuzzo III, said in a statement that Peterson is merely a scapegoat. He called the charges "a thinly veiled attempt at politically motivated retribution."

"We will vigorously defend against these spurious charges that lack basis in fact and law," he said, arguing that Peterson was not a caregiver, which he said the law defines as a parent, adult household member or other person responsible for a child's welfare. "The definition of 'other person responsible for a child's welfare' expressly excludes law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity."

It was not immediately clear when Peterson would make his initial court appearance.

That typically occurs the day after an arrest.

## Dad guilty of killing 5 kids faces possible death sentence

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** (AP)—A jury convicted a South Carolina father of murder Tuesday in the deaths of his five young children, allowing prosecutors to seek the death penalty.

The Lexington County jury considered the case for about six hours over two days before returning the five guilty verdicts for murder against Timothy Jones Jr., who showed no reaction.

Now that same jury will return Thursday to begin hearing evidence from prosecutors who will portray Jones as a selfish, evil father who decided after killing one child that all his children should die instead of ending up with his ex-wife and he should be executed for his crimes.

Jones' lawyers are expected to argue he was a doting, single father who put himself through college while married with children—a computer engineer with an \$80,000-a-year job whose mental problems built until stress from his wife's infidelity and drug use drove him over the edge.

Jones, 37, confessed to exercising 6-year-old Nahtahn

until he died after an electrical outlet was broken in his Lexington home in August 2014.

Prosecutors said Jones then considered what to do for several hours—watching a prison rape scene from a movie and heading to a store for cigarettes with his oldest child while leaving the others at home with the body—before deciding to kill them all.

Jones would eventually strangle 8-year-old Mera and 7-year-old Elias with his hands and, in his confession, said he used a belt to choke 2-year-old Gabriel and 1-year-old Abigail because his hands were too big, prosecutor Rick Hubbard said in his closing argument Monday.

Jones then wrapped the bodies of all five children in plastic and drove around the Southeast U.S. for nine days, running a few errands, buying synthetic marijuana, but mainly making erratic trips, Hubbard said, citing bank and cellphone records.

Jones searched the internet for countries that don't extradite suspects back to the U.S.

and took his passport. He researched how to disintegrate bodies faster. And he played what he said was his oldest daughter's favorite song, "Butterfly Kisses," a mushy refrain about a father's awe at his daughter's love despite his imperfections, according to his confessions to police and phone records.

Jones dumped the bodies after putting them in garbage bags on a hillside near Camden, Alabama, and was arrested a short time later at a traffic checkpoint in Smith County, Mississippi, after an officer said he smelled the horrible odor of decomposition from the SUV.

"He left his kids out there in bags. They looked like garbage," Hubbard said.

Defense attorney Boyd Young emphasized how Jones' diseased and damaged brain kept him from knowing both legal and moral right from wrong when he killed his children—the requirement under South Carolina law to find him not guilty by reason of insanity. Jurors did not buy that argument.



## Asia

# Man out on parole kills 4 in Darwin, Australia

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—A man who was out on parole was arrested after fatally shooting four men and wounding a woman in an hour-long downtown rampage Tuesday in the northern Australian city of Darwin, police said.

Police did not reveal a motive for the shotgun attack, but ruled out terrorism.

It was Australia's third mass shooting since the country introduced tough gun laws in response to a 1996 massacre in which a lone gunman armed with two semi-automatic assault rifles killed 35 people in Tasmania state. Mass shootings are usually defined as those resulting in at least four deaths excluding the shooter.

In Tuesday's rampage, four men were killed and a woman was wounded at five places around Darwin, said Northern Territory Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw.

The 45-year-old suspect was released from prison on parole in January and was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet, Kershaw said. Police did not say why he had been in prison or whether the bracelet helped police arrest him.

"He is an individual who's well known to police and has a number of interactions adverse



In this image made from video, police proceed to apprehend a suspect on the ground next to a white truck, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in Darwin Australia.

with the police," Kershaw said.

The woman who was wounded did not have serious injuries, he said.

The Health Department had earlier said two people were taken to a hospital with gunshot wounds and both were in stable condition. It was not immediately clear if the second victim had been injured in an unrelated shooting.

Kershaw said the man was arrested after he contacted a senior police officer. An Australian Broadcasting Corp. reporter said she saw police tackle and taser the gunman at a busy intersection.

Kershaw did not explain why the suspect was being

held under police guard in a hospital. The suspect had yet to be charged.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner described the incident as an "incredibly difficult night."

"This is not the Darwin we know," Gunner said. "This may be an event you prepare for, but this is never an event you want to respond to."

Witnesses described the shooter using a pump action shotgun to fire multiple blasts at the Palms Hotel and Buffalo Club. A victim was killed at each. Kershaw confirmed that the suspect was armed with a shotgun, but could not confirm what type.

## US to launch new program to fight extremism in Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—U.S. and Philippine officials on Tuesday discussed a new program to thwart efforts by Muslim extremists to recruit and mobilize followers in the country's south after a bloody siege by jihadists aligned with the Islamic State group.

The three-year program involves helping local officials identify issues that foster extremism and find ways to address them, said U.S. Assistant Secretary Denise Natali of the State Department's Bureau of Conflict & Stabilization Operations.

American and Australian surveillance aircraft helped Filipino troops quell the disastrous 2017 siege by hundreds of mostly local militants in southern Marawi city, where the commercial and residential center remains in ruins and off-limits to the public. Despite the militants' defeat, Philippine officials say surviving militants have continued efforts to recruit new followers and plot new attacks.

More than 1,100 militants

were killed and hundreds of thousands of residents were displaced in the five-month siege in the mosque-studded city, which renewed fears that the Islamic State group was stepping up collaboration with local jihadists to gain a foothold in the region.

"We are focusing on how to prevent further and future incidences of violent extremism and radicalization from occurring so that we don't have another Marawi ever again," Natali said at a news conference.

The State Department bureau and the Philippine government are finalizing details of the program to help provincial governments and nongovernment groups design and enforce effective projects to counter extremism, Natali said.

She said she was to meet President Rodrigo Duterte's national security adviser and other officials in Manila on Tuesday.

Natali emphasized the importance of basing such projects on facts and evidence instead of assumptions, citing

a five-month survey commissioned by the U.S. last year in four southern Muslim provinces that showed which issues were helping spark extremism and radicalization the most.

The survey showed that while some people may back local jihadists, there was significantly lower support for foreign militant groups such as the Islamic State group and the Al Qaida militant network. Religious intolerance, dire economic conditions and exposure to violence spark extremism more than religion, Natali cited the survey as showing.

"It's not about religion; it is about living conditions. There is an economic component to this," Natali told reporters.

The survey also showed that there was strong public support for the government's effort to combat extremism, she said.

The Philippines has been one of Washington's strongest Asian allies in the fight against terrorism since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S.

## World

# Ebola outbreak reaches 2K cases

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—The deadly Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo has surpassed 2,000 cases and is picking up speed.

The number of confirmed cases reached the milestone three times as quickly as it took to reach 1,000, experts said Tuesday. The outbreak declared in August, the second-deadliest in history, has killed more than 1,300 people in a volatile region where rebel attacks and community resistance have hurt containment efforts.

The 2,000 figure is a "sad and frustrating milestone. The insecurity is holding us back," World Health Organization spokesman Tarik Jasarevic told reporters in Geneva. Each attack keeps health workers from the cru-

cial work of vaccinating people and tracking thousands of contacts of victims.

Aid groups including the International Rescue Committee and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said a "reset" is needed in the response to one of the world's most dangerous diseases.

Misunderstandings have been high in a region that had never experienced an Ebola outbreak until now, and years of rebel attacks have left many residents wary of outsiders, especially ones accompanied by Congolese security forces or United Nations peacekeepers.

"This outbreak will only end when communities are engaged and leading the response efforts themselves,"

Nicole Fassina, Ebola coordinator with the IFRC, said in a statement. Increasing armed protection for health workers could aggravate the tensions, the statement added.

Because of the mistrust many Ebola cases are not being counted and the number of confirmed cases is likely "an underestimate and not a realistic picture of the number of cases out there," the IRC said in a separate statement. Many people, frightened, are still dying at home instead of presenting themselves at health centers for treatment.

Amid the challenges, WHO and others have pointed out signs of progress. Notably, more than 129,000 people have received an experimental but effective Ebola vaccine in its first widespread use.

## Trump baby blimp flies in London as protests greet president

**LONDON** (AP)—Thousands of protesters greeted President Donald Trump's U.K. visit with anger and British irony Tuesday, crowding London's government district while the U.S. leader met Prime Minister Theresa May nearby.

Feminists, environmentalists, peace activists, trade unionists and others demonstrated against the lavish royal welcome being given to a president they see as a danger to the world, chanting "Say it loud, say it clear, Donald Trump's not welcome here."

"I'm very cross he's here," said guitar teacher Katie Greene, carrying a homemade sign reading "keep your grabby hands off our national treasures" under a picture of one of Queen Elizabeth II's corgis.

"I find him scary. My sign is flippant and doesn't say the things I'd really like to say."

A day of protests began with the flying of a giant blimp depicting the president as an angry orange baby, which rose from the grass of central London's Parliament Square.

One group came dressed in the red cloaks and bonnets of characters from Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," which is set in a dystopian, misogynist future America.

Demonstrators filled Trafalgar Square and spilled down Whitehall, a street lined with imposing government offices, before marching half a mile to Parliament.

Many paused to photograph a robotic likeness of Trump sitting on a golden

toilet, cellphone in hand. The robot caught the attention of passers-by with its recitation of catchphrases including "No collusion" and "You are fake news."

"It's 16 feet high, so it's as large as his ego," said Don Lessem from Philadelphia, who built the statue from foam over an iron frame and had it shipped by boat across the Atlantic.

Lessem, a dinosaur expert who makes models of prehistoric creatures, said "I'm interested in things that are big, not very intelligent and have lost their place in history."

"I wanted people here to know that people in America do not support Trump in the majority, and humor is my weapon," he said.

Police erected barricades to stop protesters marching past the gates of Downing St., though the shouts and chants could be heard as Trump met May for talks inside the prime minister's official residence.

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn addressed the crowd, criticizing the "hatreds that are being fueled by the far-right in politics in Britain, in Europe and the United States."

Corbyn declined an invitation to Monday's banquet for the president at Buckingham Palace, but sought a meeting with Trump—which was refused.

"He wanted to meet today or tomorrow and I decided I would not do that," said Trump, calling Corbyn "some-what of a negative force."

Labour confirmed that Corbyn had proposed a meeting.

Emily Thornberry, Labour's foreign affairs spokeswoman, said Trump was "a sexual predator" and a racist who did not deserve the honor of a state visit hosted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Thornberry told the BBC that the leader of Britain's most important ally should be stood up to "the way you deal with a bully" because "if you bow down in front of them you just get kicked harder."

There were occasional scuffles as some of the protesters confronted small pockets of Trump supporters. Police moved in to separate the groups, and bundled some of the combatants into a nearby pub.

One counter-protester, Lewis Metcalfe, said he had traveled from his home in northern England to show support for the president.

"I'm obviously going to be a minority today," said Metcalfe. "I don't agree with all his policies. He's not the greatest president in the world, but he does get things done."

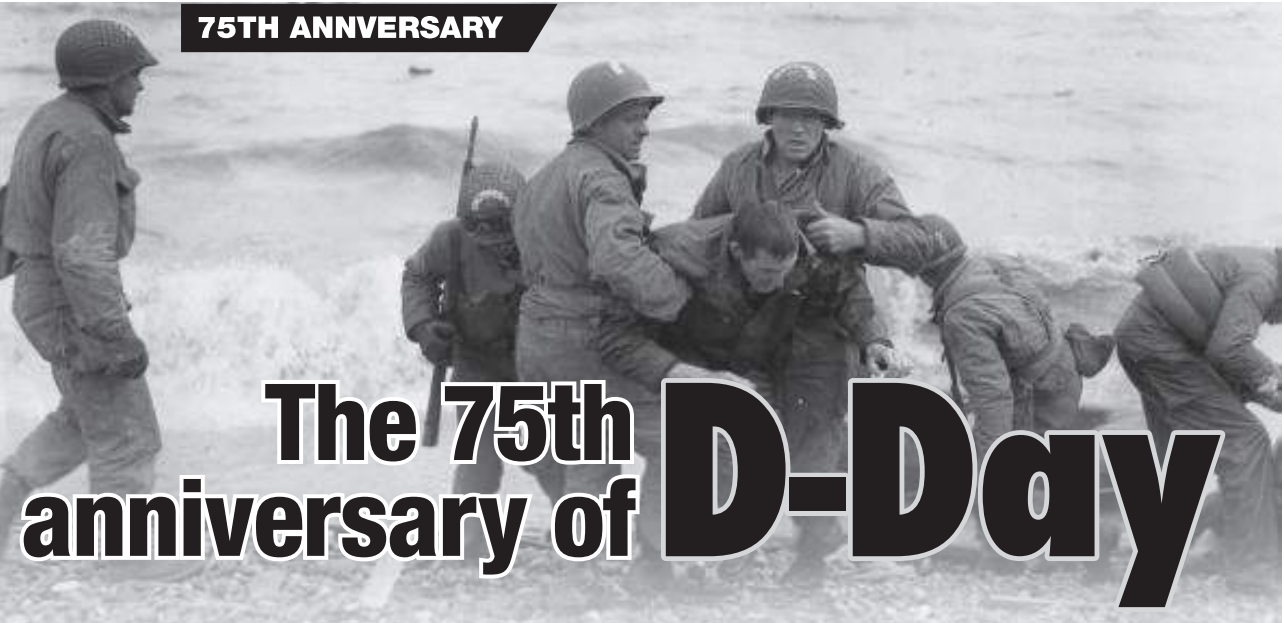
Trump has dined with the queen at Buckingham Palace, took tea with Prince Charles and held talks with May during his three-day state visit, which ends Wednesday with commemorations of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The president said he was delighted with his reception in Britain, and said he had seen only "a small protest ... very small."

He also claimed, exaggeratedly, that there had been "thousands of people on the streets cheering" as he left Buckingham Palace.

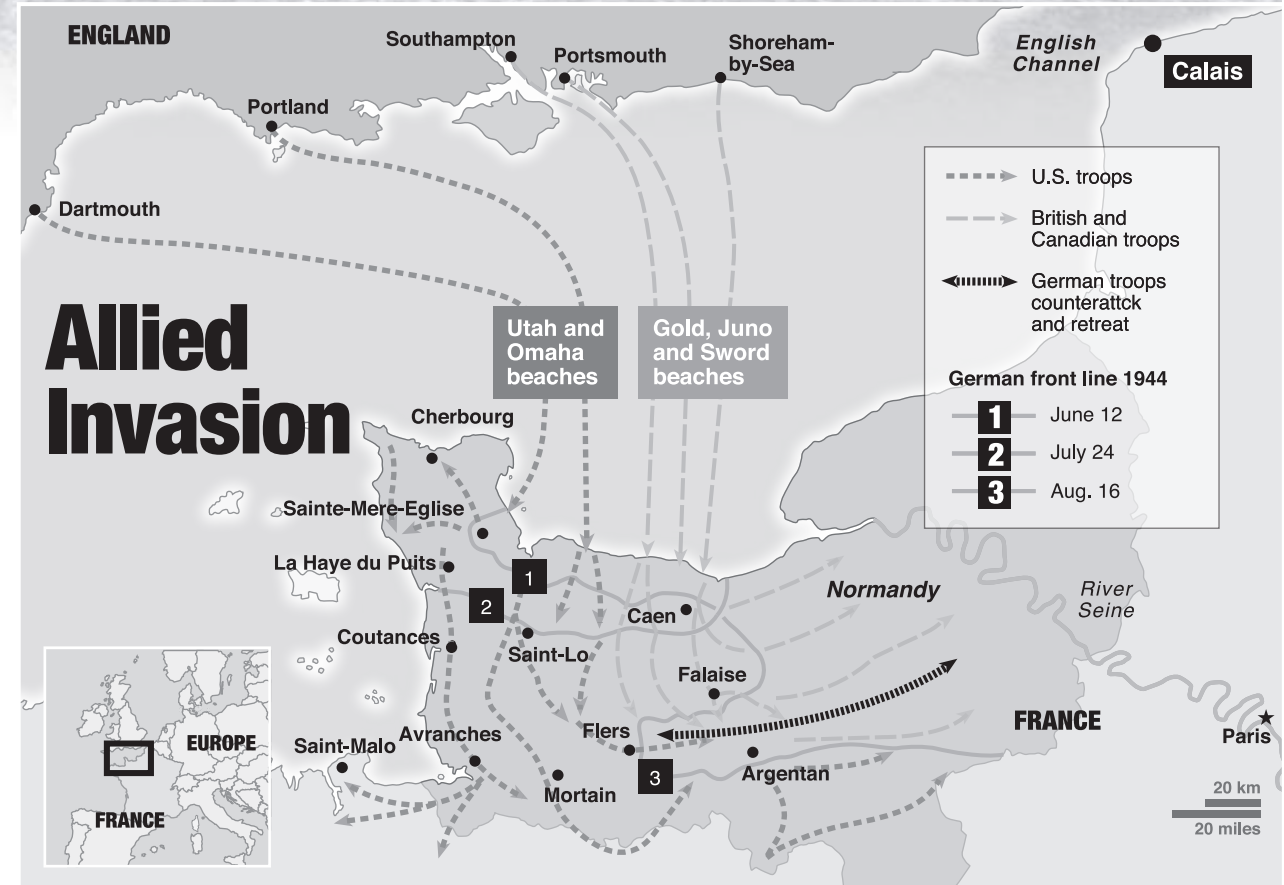


Focus



The daring invasion that turned the tide of World War II

**O**n June 6, 1944, waves of Allied soldiers and equipment crashed onto the shores of Normandy, France, launching a massive operation that lasted more than two months and precipitated the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II. The 75th anniversary of the invasion is being observed this year. Code-named Operation Overlord, the battle began when about 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was the largest amphibious military assault in history and required extensive planning over many months. More than 4,000 Allied troops were killed, and 6,000 were wounded on D-Day, but the Allies eventually succeeded in breaching German leader Adolf Hitler's coastal defense of France. By late August, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans.



Deception campaign

In the weeks leading up to D-Day, the Allies conducted a complex deception campaign designed to fool the Germans about the intended invasion target.

The most logical place in Europe for the invasion was Calais, northeast of Normandy and the closest spot to Great Britain across the English Channel.

Surprise was an essential element of the Allied invasion plan. To give the appearance of a crossing there and a massive troop buildup in southeast England, the Allies created a largely phantom fighting force, the First U.S. Army Group, headed by Gen. George Patton, whom the Nazis considered to be the most likely person to lead a cross-channel invasion.

The deception employed inflatable tanks and planes and hollow wooden structures meant to resemble brick-and-mortar military installations. The Allies also broadcast false radio transmissions about troop and supply movements there.

Operation Overlord begins

**June 5, 1944** On the morning of June 5, amid bad weather fears, U.S. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe, gave the approval for Operation Overlord. About 6,000 landing craft, ships and other vessels carrying more than 150,000 troops left England for France.

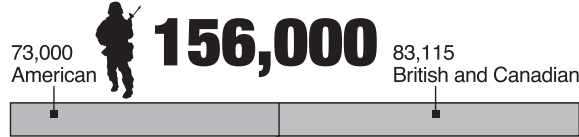
That night, about 1,000 aircraft filled with more than 15,000 paratroopers landed in drop zones in Normandy to begin missions behind enemy lines.

About 12,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

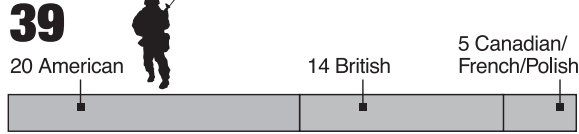
D-Day by the numbers

June 6 marks the 75th anniversary of the Allies' massive assault on German forces. Reviewing what happened on D-Day:

Approximate number of Allied troops landed



Divisions slated to participate in the invasion



Verified deaths



11,590

Support aircraft available

14,674 Sorties flown

127 Aircraft lost

Total ships in the armada

About 5,000

9 battleships  
23 cruisers  
71 large landing craft, mine-sweepers and merchantmen

Over 100,000

Allied land vehicles and heavy weapons

Operation Neptune begins



**June 6, 1944** Early in the morning, Allied bombers took off to attack targets around the beachhead. The amphibious landings also were preceded by extensive naval bombardment.

The seaborne units began to land about 6:30 a.m. Many Americans were packed into flat-bottomed Higgins boats launched from troop transports.

At 3 a.m. ET on June 6, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt received the call that the invasion had commenced. He later notified the nation by radio, saying that "at this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in a prayer."

On the coast of Normandy, the British and Canadians landing on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches overcame light opposition. The Americans at Utah did as well.

The U.S. 1st Division at Omaha Beach, however, confronted the best of the German coast divisions, the 352nd, and was torn up by machine gunners as the troops waded ashore.

Eventually the Allied troops fought their way inland, at a heavy cost of life. More than 4,000 died that day. By the end of D-Day, more than 150,000 troops had landed in Normandy. They pushed their way inland, allowing more troops to land over the next several days.



June 6, 1944: Survivors from a landing craft which sank off Omaha Beach, Normandy, come safely ashore on a life raft.



August 9, 1944: US infantrymen make their way past a wrecked German truck on the way to Avranches during the Allied invasion of Normandy.

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# Environment



A child plays on melting ice beside severe erosion of the permafrost tundra at Yupik Eskimo village of Napakiak on the Yukon Delta in Alaska on April 18, 2019. According to scientists, Alaska has been warming twice as fast as the global average, with temperatures in February and March shattering records. AP

**G**rowing up in Fairbanks, Alaska, Nathan Baring has seen the signs of a warming world all around him. The winters have begun to lose their infamous chill. Thawing permafrost is shifting the ground beneath his feet. And some years, there isn't even enough snow to ski.

"If you have eyes and you walk out your back door, you can see the changes that have taken place over only my short childhood," said Baring, 19, who already has six years of climate activism under his belt.

So when lawyers asked Baring whether he'd like to sue the federal government for failing to tackle climate change, he readily agreed.

"When I started, I didn't have the right to vote," Baring said. "This legal avenue was what I saw as the most effective way to put myself out here."

The case, *Juliana vs. United States*, alleges that the U.S. government has violated the rights of 21 young Americans by permitting—and in many cases, subsidizing—the continued use of fossil fuels that cause climate change.

Juliana is the first lawsuit to argue that there's a constitutional right to a safe and livable climate. Experts say it's an ambitious and unprecedented tactic, and many were surprised that the case has made it this far.

"It's a novel legal claim," said Ann Carlson, a professor of environmental law at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The suit has seen its share of twists and turns since it was filed in 2015. It survived numerous attempts by the Obama and Trump administrations to have it thrown out, although the courts removed the president from the list of defendants in 2018. The case still targets a slew of executive branch organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy and the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

A trial was slated to begin in federal district court in February 2018 but was postponed until the fall.

Then the government made an eleventh-hour plea to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the justices to dismiss the case. They declined,

but encouraged the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to consider the government's objections.

"The Trump administration has pulled out all the stops, legally, in trying to prevent the trial," said Michael Gerrard, the director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University who is not involved in the suit.

Now its fate lies with three judges in Portland, Ore., who will decide whether the case has enough legal merit to proceed to trial. On Tuesday, lawyers for Baring and the other young plaintiffs will try to convince them that it does. (The hourlong hearing will be livestreamed on YouTube starting at 5 p.m. Eastern time.)

For starters, they will have to refute

the changing climate.

Levi Draheim, 11, has recurring nightmares that his hometown of Satellite Beach, Fla.—a low-lying barrier island—will be washed away by rising seas.

"Without changes, I'm afraid I will lose my home and that my nightmares will become real," he wrote in a recent declaration to the court.

The lawyers for the plaintiffs must link these injuries to climate change and show that the U.S., which has produced roughly a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions, bears at least some of the blame.

"Our theory is that the federal government is substantially responsible," said Andrea Rodgers, a senior attorney for Our Children's Trust, the

the courts may not be comfortable exerting such power. (The government would have the freedom to come up with its own plan, which would probably require an overhaul of countless federal policies, including fuel economy standards and the tax code.)

The plaintiffs have also asked the court to issue an injunction to stop the federal government from issuing new leases for coal mining and offshore oil and gas activity, and to delay approval of any new fossil fuel infrastructure, until the trial concludes.

"That highlights for the court how just expansive this legal case is and makes it difficult for the court to ignore the magnitude of the claim," said UCLA's Carlson.

She thinks the plaintiffs have a

Attorneys for the government did not respond to requests for comment, but in court filings they deny that the right and the doctrine exist.

"Plaintiffs' alleged fundamental right to a 'livable climate' finds no basis in this nation's history or tradition and is not even close to any other fundamental right recognized by the Supreme Court," Justice Department lawyers wrote in a brief this year.

Courts have never weighed the question before, so there is no clear precedent.

Carlson said the judges who will hear the case in Portland are likely to be sympathetic to the fact that young people will bear a greater burden from climate change. And she said there is a compelling logic to the argument.

"If the Constitution doesn't protect your right to live in an environment that will protect your life, then what does it protect?" she said.

Should the judges rule in favor of the plaintiffs, they will finally get their trial in the district court in Eugene, although it's unclear when.

If the judges side with the government, the case could be dismissed. Alternatively, they could narrow the scope of the case and allow only some parts of it to proceed, Gerrard said.

It could take months for the judges to issue a decision. "There's no real telling and there's no deadline," he said.

But no matter what they decide, experts say the case probably will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

That would mean more delays for the plaintiffs, who say they are tired of waiting for climate action.

"I am impatient because I'm a kid," Levi wrote in a recent court filing. This is "something that should have been done before I was even born because my government has known about climate change for so long."

But Baring thinks the timing is auspicious. While the case has been working its way through the courts, young activists such as Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg and social movements such as Extinction Rebellion have drawn global attention to climate change.

"The conversation worldwide is really shifting," Baring said. "This is kind of our moment."

## American youths sue for a livable climate

By JULIA ROSEN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

the government's argument that the plaintiffs don't have standing to sue. To do that, they must show that the plaintiffs have been harmed by the government's actions (or in this case, its inaction), and that the court can do something to remedy the problem.

The plaintiffs have a long list of injuries.

When a massive storm dumped heavy rains on southern Louisiana in 2016, Jayden Foytlin's house flooded with storm water and sewage. For months afterward, she and her family slept in the living room of their damaged home because the bedrooms weren't safe. (The house is still undergoing repairs.)

Others have suffered from respiratory problems because of increased wildfire smoke and longer pollen seasons. Many cite threats to their family farms, to staple foods such as salmon, and to the landscapes where they hike, camp and hunt.

Almost all say they have suffered psychological distress as a result of

Oregon organization representing the young plaintiffs.

Rodgers and her colleagues don't expect the judges to rule on these questions now. They just want a chance to present their evidence in court.

"We're hoping that they affirm the district court's findings that there are questions of fact that need to be resolved at trial," she said.

Both sides have recruited leading climate scientists and economists to bolster their cases, should that day ever come. Numerous environmental groups and public health experts have also filed amicus briefs on behalf of the plaintiffs.

In Tuesday's hearing, the judges may also focus on whether the courts can deliver what the plaintiffs ultimately want: an order compelling the federal government to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Government lawyers have long maintained that climate policy should be left to Congress and the executive branch, and independent experts say

strong case for standing. And if the three appeals court judges agree, that could bolster the prospects of future climate lawsuits.

On the other hand, if the young plaintiffs can't prove standing in this case, it will be hard for plaintiffs to establish it in others. "That would leave the government essentially immune from being sued for policies involving climate change," Carlson said. (In the past, the courts have granted standing to states.)

Next, the judges will have to consider whether the plaintiffs have a valid case.

The plaintiffs' lawyers have built their case for a constitutional right to a safe and livable climate on the Fifth Amendment's due process clause, which protects the right to life, liberty and property, as well as the public trust doctrine, which holds that the government has a duty to protect shared resources such as shorelines and bodies of water for the benefit of all people.



# Life & Style

## Explosion on 'Bond 25' set causes injury, damage to studio

**NEW YORK (AP)**—An explosion on the set of the new James Bond movie has injured one crew member and damaged a stage at Pinewood Studios.

The film's official Twitter account said the accident Tuesday came from a "controlled explosion." No one was injured on set but a crew member outside the stage

sustained a minor injury. The exterior of a stage was also damaged at the studio facilities outside London.

This is the second production incident on the untitled 25th installment in the 007 franchise. Shooting was set back in late May after Daniel



**Craig**

Craig hurt his foot while performing a stunt in Jamaica. He underwent minor ankle surgery that required two weeks of rehabilitation.

Representatives for the film did not immediately respond to messages on the explosion Tuesday.

## Spike Lee to present Denzel Washington with AFI Award

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Spike Lee will honor Denzel Washington's career by presenting his friend and collaborator with the American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award.

AFI said Tuesday that Lee will present the actor and director with the honor at a gala Thursday at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

Lee has directed Washington

in four films, including "Malcolm X" and "Inside Man." He also worked with Washington's son, John David, on the 2019 Oscar best-picture nominee "BlacKkKlansman."

It's a role reversal for Washington, who has helped present Lee with an honorary Oscar in 2015 and an NAACP Hall of Fame Award in 2003.

Mahershala Ali will join a star-

studded list of presenters including Morgan Freeman, Chadwick Boseman and Julia Roberts.

The tribute will air on TNT on June 20 at 10 p.m. Eastern and Pacific.

The 64-year-old Washington joins the ranks of Mel Brooks, Robert De Niro, Meryl Streep and Alfred Hitchcock. Last year's AFI honoree was George Clooney.

## French prosecutors drop rape case against actor Depardieu

**PARIS (AP)**—An investigation into a woman's rape and sexual assault accusations against actor Gerard Depardieu has been dropped because of lack of evidence, the Paris prosecutor's office said Tuesday.

A preliminary investigation was opened Aug. 27 after a young woman filed a complaint near the southern city of Aix-en-Provence for rape and sexual aggression. At the time, Depardieu's lawyer, Herve Temime, said the actor "absolutely denies any rape, any sexual assault, any crime" and dismissed the complaint as "groundless."

The prosecutor's office said

that the case was thrown out after "numerous investigations" failed to show infractions as described.

French media have reported that the woman alleged Depardieu assaulted her on August 7 and August 13 at his Parisian home. The two met when Depardieu led a master class at her school, BFMTV reported at the time.

Depardieu has appeared in 200 films over six decades and holds a rare position as a French actor who is known in Hollywood. He won a Golden Globe for his performance in "Green Card," a 1990 English-language romantic comedy

co-starring Andie MacDowell.

His first big hit in France was "Les Valseuses," ("Going Places"), Bertrand Blier's classic farce about two wandering thugs.

Before he crossed the Atlantic, Depardieu played roles from Jean Valjean, the thief-turned-saint in "Les Miserables," to Christopher Columbus.

In 2014, he had the leading role in "Welcome to New York," the film inspired by the life of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former director of the International Monetary Fund who was accused in 2011 of sexually assaulting a hotel maid.

## Tracy Morgan involved in NYC fender bender in his Bugatti

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Comedian Tracy Morgan was involved in a minor traffic crash while driving his 2019 Bugatti in midtown Manhattan.

Police say the fender bender happened Tuesday afternoon near Tenth Avenue and 42nd Street.

Police say the mishap involved the 50-year-old

Morgan and his white Bugatti, reportedly worth around \$2 million, and a 61-year-old man driving a Honda CR-V.

A representative for Morgan says the comedian bought the vehicle an hour before the minor crash.

Police say both vehicles sustained minor damage and all parties refused medical

attention, although photos of the scene show Morgan sitting in an ambulance.

In 2014, the former "30 Rock" and "Saturday Night Live" star suffered severe head trauma when a truck slammed into the back of the limo van he was riding in. Comedian James McNair, his friend and collaborator, was killed.

## The other royal family? Trump adult kids take London



**AP**  
Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner tour Westminster Abbey in London, Monday, June 3, 2019.

White House official, spent the day before her father's arrival touring some of London's art museums and then took her place by his side for a trade meeting Tuesday with Prime Minister Theresa May.

"Magical night at Buckingham Palace with my best friend!" she wrote, posting a photo on Instagram of herself alongside husband Jared Kushner, another senior White House aide.

Tiffany Trump, a Georgetown University law school student who is less frequently spotted with her father, also attended the dinner.

And all four claimed front-row seats at Trump's news conference Tuesday with May. Only 13-year-old Barron Trump, who lives at the White House with his parents, skipped the trip.

**LONDON (AP)**—It wasn't just President Donald Trump and wife Melania soaking up the royal treatment during their state visit to the United Kingdom. The president's four adult children inserted themselves into the pomp at every turn—and helpfully documented the moments on social media.

Whether or not they hold White House posts, Trump's children, perhaps with an eye toward evoking the princes

and princesses who call London home, were frequently by their father's side as he was feted in Britain.

Donald Trump Jr. posted on Instagram a photo of himself in white tie before Monday's state dinner. His brother, Eric Trump, was part of the family's Tuesday tour of the underground Churchill War Rooms and lingered over the chair from which the prime minister oversaw World War II. And Ivanka Trump, who doubles as a senior

## Man ready for romance spoils the mood without his teeth

**DEAR ABBY:** I dated a man several years ago, and we just hooked up again. In the interim he had all of his teeth pulled. His dentures are ill-fitting, and he refuses to get them adjusted. As a result, he goes without any teeth, which I find a whole lot less than sexy. Our love life is suffering as a result.

He has tried to persuade me to kiss him without the teeth, or he sits around all evening and then runs and puts them in for a "bootie call." But now he doesn't even do THAT! He'll wear the teeth to work and other places, but not with me. He expects me to get in the mood, even though he looks like Grandpa.

We had a spat about it, and he called me shallow. Am I? I take pride in my appearance FOR HIM. I think he just expects me to get over it and make out with him toothless, but I can't! It's not like we live together. We see each other once a week or less. Please tell the truth here.

MAKING THE EFFORT IN OHIO

**DEAR MAKING:** The truth is, your friend needs to see a dentist and get his false teeth adjusted or replaced. Out of consideration for you, he should wear them when he desires intimacy. That you don't get turned on when he's toothless isn't shallow. I'm sure many women would feel the same way.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 53-year-old man who has had very few girlfriends, although there are some women who are inter-

ested and who I would certainly date. The problem is, for some reason, I don't move forward, and I'm now worried that I'm so set in my ways I'll be alone for the rest of my life.

Could the issue be that I haven't met the right person, as I tell myself? Other reasons could be my insecurity, lack of trust in women, and my fear that women won't like my lifestyle (I have no ambition). Most people find a mate. Why not me?

MR. ALONE

**DEAR MR. ALONE:** The reason may be that, until now, you haven't been willing to identify and work on the issues that have prevented you from finding one. A licensed mental health professional can help you overcome your insecurities and inability to trust, and understand what they stem from. Once you succeed at that, you may find you have more ambition than you currently think.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I were recently at an upscale restaurant. I needed to use the restroom. When I approached the ladies' room door, it was closed. I knocked twice and heard a grumbling from inside. A minute later a lady exited. She asked me if I had knocked, and I replied that I had. She then admonished me in a stern voice as if I were a child, saying, "Don't do that!"

Was I wrong to knock on a restroom door that was closed? Are we to assume that someone is in there? I always close the restroom door when I leave because I assume that people do

## DEAR ABBY

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not want a view of the restroom while enjoying dinner.

CONFUSED DINER

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Some people turn the door handle to see if the restroom is occupied. Others knock, particularly if it has been occupied for an unusually long time. The woman you encountered may have been in a bad mood, or felt that because you knocked you had rushed her. You did nothing wrong, and I hope you didn't let it ruin your evening.

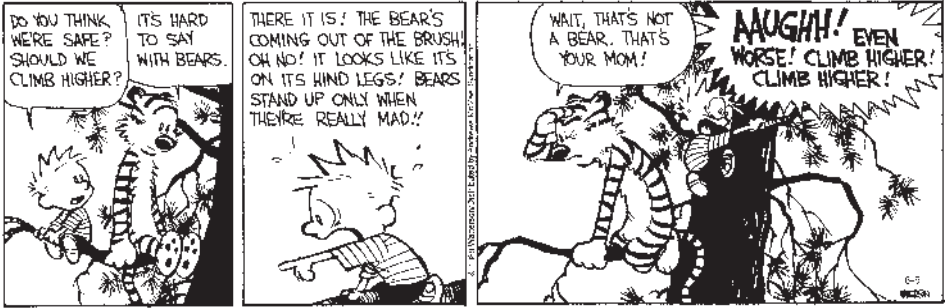
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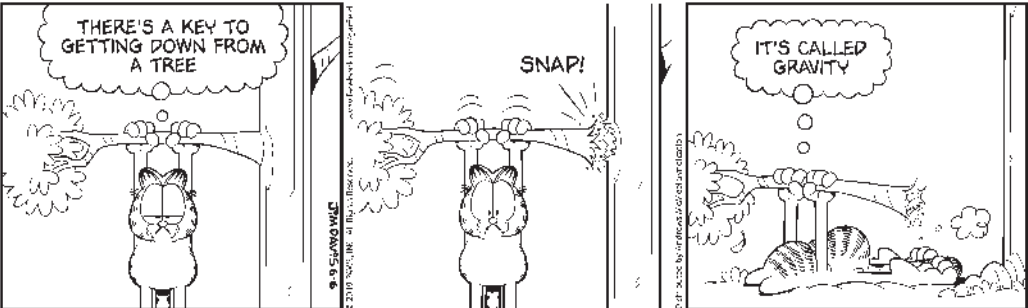
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25 Music's Yoko

26 Snooker

28 Guffaw syllable

29 Fanatical

30 Rowing need

31 Frequently

36 Half the weekend

37 Chemical suffix

38 Groove

41 Kansas City's st.

42 Quotable Berra

43 Opposite of "sans"

44 Bubble-head

46 O'Hara estate

47 Cameo shape

48 Fedora fabric

51 Victory sign

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-6

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Aubrey Anderson-Emmons, 12; Natalie Morales, 47; Paul Giamatti, 52; Robert Englund, 72.

Happy Birthday: Partnerships may need a reality check. Question what others want, and consider what you will get in return. Understanding and authenticity will matter. Offer honesty and show concern. Do your best, be fair and insist on equality. You can make a difference if you look at situations from every angle, not just your own. Romance will improve your personal life. Your numbers are 7, 15, 18, 27, 33, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pay close attention to what others want or expect from you. Size up whatever situation you face, and look for the best way to appease others without being deprived of the things you want to do. Think big, but be reasonable. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take pride in what you do and how you present yourself to the world. A conservative but updated image will give you the edge you need to capture genuine interest from those who have something to contribute to your plan. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something that will lift your spirits. Consider what you will have to give up in order to get what you want. Dealing with a friend or relative will require honesty and compromise. Don't fold under pressure. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's what you accomplish that will count in the end. If you let your emotions take over, it will stand between you and the success you

deserve. A kind gesture will result in a positive change as well as healthier relationships. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sit tight; if you act in haste, you will face repercussions. Someone will send mixed signals. Don't make advances toward someone if you aren't sure that's what he or she wants. Get involved in something that moves you emotionally. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't expect everyone to like what you do or say. Do what feels right and what's best for you, and you will achieve the happiness you deserve. Personal changes will lead to gains as well as satisfaction. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond what's going on around you. Concentrate on the things you need to do in order to reach your objective. Review the past, and refuse to let the same thing happen again. An adjustment will be necessary. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Plan a trip or take a course that will help you make a decision regarding your next move. A partnership will undergo an emotional change, and feelings need to be addressed. Embrace the future with optimism, not fear. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't trust what others tell you. Go directly to the source and ask questions. You need to get the facts before you can make a decision regarding your relationship with a friend or relative. Trust only what's apparent. ★★★★★

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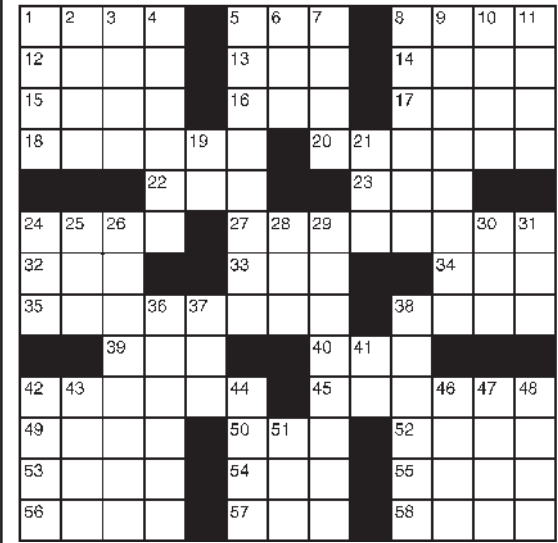
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let a change someone makes influence you. Stick to your original plans, and do your best to make the most with what you've got. A minimalist approach to life, how you live and what you do are encouraged. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have a good idea, and if you use it to help a worthy cause, you'll get the support and respect you deserve. Don't let anyone take credit for what you do or convince you to make an unrealistic promise. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

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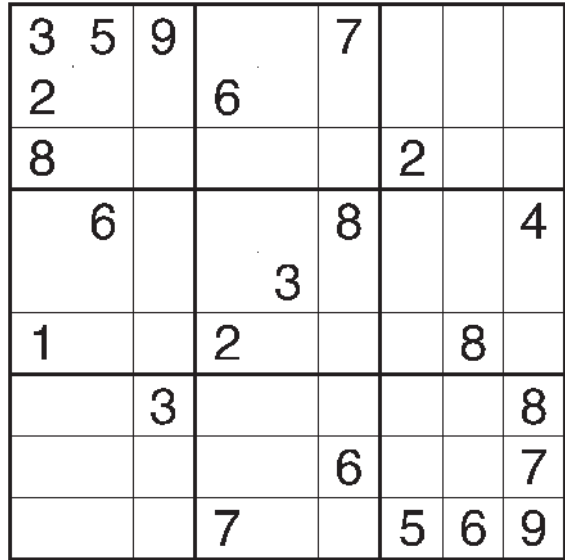
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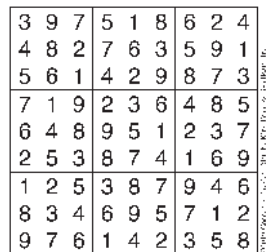


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Yesterday's Answer



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10/06

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By DAVID CUELLET

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# Just like old times, Federer vs Nadal in France

PARIS (AP)—Roger Federer knew when he returned to the French Open that, if things went exceedingly well, he eventually would find himself face-to-face with Rafael Nadal.

Here we go.

Just like old times.

Federer put away Stan Wawrinka after a 75-minute rain delay Tuesday, converting a break point for just the second time in 18 chances and quickly wrapping up a 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory over his friend and Swiss countryman to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros.

And what a showdown comes next: Federer vs. Nadal for a spot in the final.

"Always," Nadal said, "a big match."

They are two titans of tennis, with Federer holding a men's-record 20 Grand Slam titles, and Nadal next with 17.

Nadal, who won 11 of his trophies in Paris, has gotten the better of their rivalry over the years, leading 23-15 overall, 9-3 at majors, 13-2 on clay and 5-0 at the French Open, including four finals.

"My next opponent is not too bad. He can play on clay, unfortunately," Federer joked to the crowd at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

They haven't met at Roland Garros since 2011. Federer, who has won their most recent five matches, last entered the field in 2015, when he lost to Wawrinka in the quarterfinals. He pulled out with a bad back in 2016, then skipped the entire clay circuit in 2017-18.

"If you to do or achieve something on the clay, inevitably, at some stage, you will go through Rafa, because he's that strong and he will be there," said Federer, at 37 the tournament's oldest semifi-



AP  
Switzerland's Roger Federer plays a shot against compatriot Stan Wawrinka during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

nalist since 1968. "If I would have had a different mindset—to avoid him—then I should not have played the clay."

The only time Federer won the French Open, in 2009, he didn't need to face Nadal, who was knocked out in the fourth round by Robin Soderling. That's one of only two losses for Nadal in 93 career matches at the place.

There was very little drama in Nadal's quarterfinal victory this time, a 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 stroll against No. 7 Kei Nishikori, who went through a pair of five-setters the past two rounds.

"He didn't let me play how I wanted to play," Nishikori said,

"and especially if I'm not fresh, it's not easy to stay with him."

Federer vs. Wawrinka, meanwhile, lived up to the billing, a 3½-hour tussle between a couple of guys who won a Davis Cup title and Olympic gold medal in doubles together.

Coming in, Federer held a 22-3 edge head-to-head, but Wawrinka knew this: All three of his victories had come on clay, including four years ago in the same round, on the same court.

They were locked in a taut fourth set at 3-all when clouds grew thick and charcoal-colored. Thunder rumbled

nearby. It was difficult to see, because there are no artificial lights. Play was suspended as a storm arrived. But it didn't last long.

When action resumed, Federer needed only 10 minutes to take control, getting his second break of the match by smacking a big cross-court forehand to a corner that Wawrinka couldn't handle. It was 5-4, and Federer only needed to hold serve to end it.

That turned out to be a tad complicated.

He double-faulted for the only two times of the entire afternoon, once on his second

match point. He was forced to deflect a break point for Wawrinka, doing so with a serve-and-volley winner. And then, finally, on his third match point, Federer closed it out with a volley, then hugged Wawrinka at the net.

"A tough, tough one, for sure," said Wawrinka, who was coming off the longest singles match of his career, a 5-hour, 9-minute victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Wawrinka credited Federer, saying, "It was important to be aggressive, to be inside the court, and he did that better than me."

Attacking the net at any

opportunity, Federer won the point on 41 of his 60 trips forward. It'll be fascinating to see whether he does that against Nadal, too.

"I'm looking forward to the test," said Federer, whose last major semifinal was at last year's Australian Open.

The quarterfinals on the other half of the men's draw are Wednesday: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 5 Alexander Zverev, and No. 4 Dominic Thiem vs. No. 10 Karen Khachanov.

One women's semifinal is set: 26th-seeded Johanna Konta vs. 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova.



OAKLAND—While Kevin Durant remains sidelined during the NBA Finals with a calf injury, free-agency speculation is up and running for the Golden State Warriors forward.

Durant holds a player option for the 2019-20 season, but he'll likely turn it down. He's been linked with franchises across the country—both New York and Los Angeles teams—as well as a return to Golden State.

But Charles Barkley doesn't feel the New York Knicks or Brooklyn Nets would be an ideal landing spot for the two-time NBA Finals MVP. During a teleconference Tuesday for the American Century Championship celebrity golf tournament, Barkley cited Durant's history of social media spats with fans when asked what his advice would be to

## Barkley: KD poor fit for Knicks or Nets

Durant during free agency.

"Well, I'd say, 'Kevin, you're one of the greatest players I've ever seen. You also got some of the thinnest skin I've ever seen. I don't know if you're made for New York City,'" Barkley said. "I think that would be the toughest aspect. If he's arguing with these teenagers online, he's not going to be able to deal with that New York media."

Three years into his stint with the Warriors, Durant has averaged 26 points per game this season. The 30-year-old forward was criticized for the move to an already star-studded squad in 2016. And in 2017, Durant seemingly forgot to switch social media accounts before replying to a tweet in the third person defending his decision to join Golden State.

And that's not the only time

Durant has engaged a critic on social media, causing Barkley to wonder if New York would be the right fit.

"He's a great person, he's a great player," Barkley said. "I don't think he has the mental makeup to play in New York. That's just my personal opinion."

Barkley, a Basketball Hall of Famer who is now a TNT studio analyst, is scheduled to play in the American Century Championship at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course in State-line, Nevada on July 12-14, along with Tony Romo, Aaron Rodgers, Larry Fitzgerald and other athletes and celebrities.

### Out for Game 3

The Golden State Warriors will take the floor once more without two-time reigning Durant, counting on their depth and home court to carry

them as they try to inch closer to a three-peat.

Durant is out for Game 3 of the finals on Wednesday night, still not ready to return for the two-time defending champions as he works back from a strained right calf suffered during the Western Conference semifinals.

Durant didn't practice with the Warriors on Tuesday, and he has yet to get on the court for a structured session since getting injured May 8 in Game 5 against the Houston Rockets. Durant was set to some work on the court later Tuesday at the practice facility.

Guard Klay Thompson practiced two days after sustaining a mild strain to his left hamstring that forced him out of Game 2. He is listed as questionable for Game 3.

The best-of-seven series

with the Toronto Raptors is tied at 1-all.

Thompson said his discomfort Tuesday was bearable—"the pain level wasn't too crazy at all."

"It will be a game-time decision. But for me personally, it would be hard to see me not playing. Hopefully, I'll feel much better tomorrow and be a go for tipoff," Thompson said.

Along with Durant, Golden State is also down backup big man Kevon Looney. He suffered a non-displaced cartilage fracture on the right side of his collarbone area and will miss the remainder of the finals.

"He's had such a great season, such a great postseason run," coach Steve Kerr said. "Fortunately it won't affect his future, but it's a big loss for us."

Kerr prepares his role players all season to be ready for

moments on the big stage—because Kerr was one of the backups in his day. At home, Quinn Cook, who scored nine points with three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, regularly resumes his shooting routine moments after the final buzzer sounds.

With all the injuries, all the Warriors must be ready to contribute.

"The way that we play, everybody feels involved on both ends of the floor and has an opportunity to impact the game, not necessarily scoring every possession but just playing within the flow and sharing the ball, moving, playing unselfishly," Stephen Curry said. "Just a style where everybody is going to get touches and you just have to be confident and aggressive. So again, day to day it's just whoever is healthy. Be ready to go, compete, have fun doing it. Whoever is out there on the floor, just feel like you can help us win the game."



# Bruce's slam, 2-run HR lift Phillies over Padres



**SAN DIEGO**  
(AP)— The  
"Bruuce"

chant in the Phillies clubhouse came from Andrew McCutchen, leaning on crutches hours after learning he'd torn his ACL.

Count the 2013 NL MVP among those glad Philadelphia made its move for another outfielder over the weekend.

Jay Bruce hit a grand slam and a two-run homer, and Philadelphia beat the San Diego Padres 9-6 Tuesday night to snap a five-game skid.

Bruce tied a career high with six RBIs in his second game since being acquired by the Phillies. His ninth career slam gave Philadelphia a lift on the day it learned McCutchen will miss the rest of the season after injuring his knee in a rundown Monday.

"It was a pretty big win for us," Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said. "I think in a lot of ways we played with Andrew out there and we kind of won one for him."

Jerad Eickhoff (3-3) was the benefactor of the Phillies hitting four home runs. He pitched six innings and surrendered three runs and four hits, striking out five. His curveball and slider were sharp.

## Orioles 12, Rangers 11

In Arlington, Pedro Severino hit a career-high three home runs and thwarted Texas' ninth-inning rally with a wild defensive play, lifting the Baltimore Orioles over the Rangers.

Texas scored six runs in the ninth and had the tying run on base with one out when Mychal Givens replaced Richard Bleier on the mound. Givens struck out Delino DeShields and Elvis Andrus, but strike three to Andrus was a wild pitch that went to the backstop. Severino scrambled to retrieve the ball, then delivered a perfect throw to first baseman Chris Davis a step ahead of Andrus for the final out.

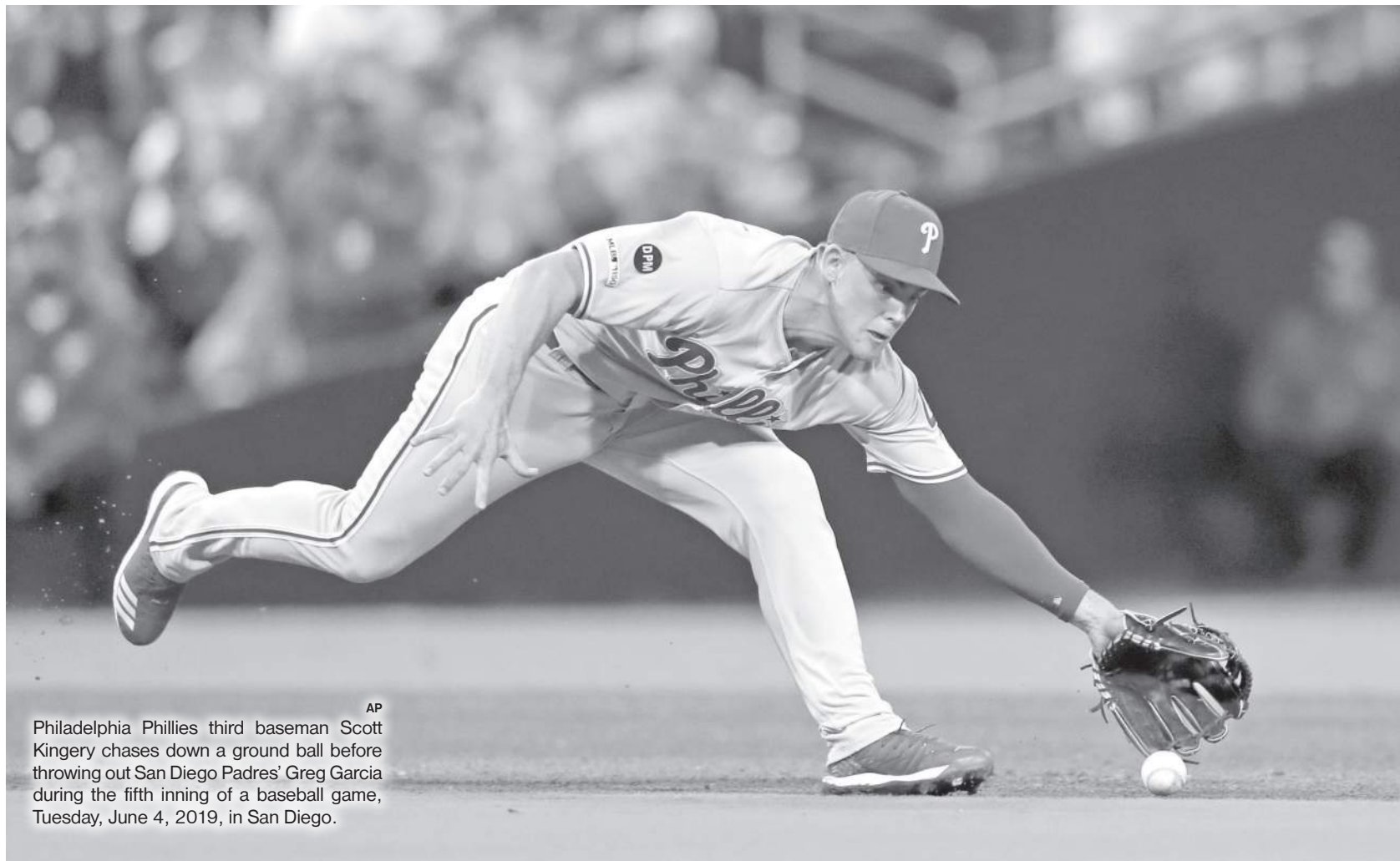
Dwight Smith Jr. had a career-high six RBIs for Baltimore, including a three-run homer and three-run double.

Dylan Bundy (3-6) earned his first win since May 17, allowing three runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

## Blue Jays 4, Yankees 3

In Toronto, Freddy Galvis hit a two-run home run, Randal Grichuk added a solo shot and the Blue Jays held off the New York Yankees to end a season-worst six-game slide.

Toronto closer Ken Giles struck out Gleyber Torres with two on in the ninth to wrap his 11th save, and Eric Sogard had three hits as the Blue Jays won for the first time since beating San Diego on May 26. Toronto went winless on a six-



AP  
Philadelphia Phillies third baseman Scott Kingery chases down a ground ball before throwing out San Diego Padres' Greg Garcia during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in San Diego.

game trip to Tampa Bay and Colorado.

Clint Frazier and Aaron Hicks homered for the AL East-leading Yankees, who lost consecutive games for the first time in more than a month. New York's last back-to-back defeats came April 30 and May 1 at Arizona. The Yankees lost 8-5 to Boston on Sunday.

## Tigers 9, Rays 6

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera had a grand slam among his three hits as the Tigers snapped a 10-game home losing streak with a victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Cabrera, who had five RBIs, was back in the lineup after missing two games with chronic knee pain. He said before the game he will be a full-time DH until the knee improves.

Detroit last won at home on May 8, and went 0-9 on a homestand from May 13-23.

Willy Adames hit a grand slam for the Rays.

Blake Snell (3-5) allowed six runs on seven hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings. The six earned runs were one short of his career high, set on May 1 against the Kansas City Royals.

Ryan Carpenter (1-2) picked up his second career win, giving up two runs on seven hits in seven innings. Shane Greene pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 20 tries.

## Indians 5, Twins 2

In Cleveland, Francisco Lindor hit two of the Indians' four home runs and the Indians defeated the Minnesota Twins.

Lindor hit a solo home run

in the third and broke a 1-all tie with a two-run homer in the fifth. Roberto Perez and Jake Bauers added back-to-back homers in the seventh.

The Indians have struggled offensively, but at least for one night out-hit the Twins 6-5. Minnesota leads the AL in runs, homers and batting average.

Minnesota came into the game with best record in baseball and holds a 10 1/2-game lead over Cleveland in AL Central.

Shane Bieber (5-2) gave up solo homers to Marwin Gonzalez in the second and Eddie Rosario in the sixth. He allowed two runs and struck out seven in seven-plus innings.

## Braves 12, Pirates 5

It Pittsburgh, Austin Riley and Josh Donaldson hit three-run home runs in consecutive innings, and the Atlanta Braves rallied for win over the Pirates.

Freddie Freeman added a two-run homer, his 15th, in a three-run ninth inning that sealed the Braves third straight win.

Riley sent a slider from Kyle Crick (2-2) over the wall in right field for his ninth home run of the season in the seventh, turning a 5-3 deficit into a one-run lead. Donaldson pushed the lead to 9-5 in the eighth with a 439-foot shot to left-center field for his eighth.

Dan Winkler (2-1) had one strikeout in a scoreless sixth inning to get the win.

Three Pirates errors partially contributed to five Braves runs.

## Marlins 16, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Garrett Cooper had two hits and scored twice during Miami's franchise-record, 11-run fifth inning, helping the Marlins pound the Milwaukee Brewers.

Cooper matched a career high with four hits and scored four times, leading the way as last-place Miami rolled to its 12th win in its last 17 games. Cooper, Starlin Castro and Brian Anderson homered, and rookie Harold Ramirez continued his hot start with two hits and two RBIs.

Every player in Miami's starting lineup had at least one hit, scored at least once and drove in at least one run. Even pitcher Pablo López got into the act, hitting an RBI double in the fifth that drew a hearty round of boos from the Miller Park crowd of 25,364.

## Giants 9, Mets 3, 10 innings

In New York, Bruce Bochy joined John McGraw as the only Giants managers to win 1,000 regular-season games when San Francisco beat the Mets behind Stephen Vogt's tiebreaking, two-run double in the 10th inning.

On a night that began as a rematch between the Giants' Madison Bumgarner and Noah Syndergaard of their duel in the 2016 NL wild-card game, New York rallied from a 2-0 deficit to take a sixth-inning lead only for its bullpen to falter again.

Bochy announced during spring training he is retiring after this season, his 13th during a run with the Giants that

has included three World Series titles. He has 1,003 losses in San Francisco and is 1,951-1,978 during a 25-year career as a major league manager that started with a dozen years in San Diego.

## Nationals 9, White Sox 5

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg earned his 100th career victory, Anthony Rendon homered and drove in five runs and the Nationals rallied past the Chicago White Sox.

It wasn't a vintage performance from Strasburg (6-3), who gave up four runs in a 39-pitch first inning and spotted Chicago a 5-0 lead. But he hung around long enough to complete five innings and give Washington's offense time to solve former teammate and White Sox starter Reynaldo López.

Rendon did his part. The third baseman belted a two-run double in the third, then smacked a three-run homer in the fifth to chase López (3-6) and give the Nationals a 6-5 lead.

Reliever Josh Osich surrendered back-to-back doubles before Victor Robles belted a two-run homer to make it 9-5. Washington's six runs in the fifth were its most in any inning this season.

## Cubs 6, Rockies 3

In Chicago, Kyle Schwarber and Javier Báez homered, Kyle Hendricks was solid again through seven innings and the Chicago Cubs beat Colorado to end the Rockies' season-high eight-game win-

ning streak.

Carlos González had two RBIs—on a double and sacrifice fly—as he started in right field for a second straight game after signing a minor league contract with Chicago on Saturday.

## Red Sox 8, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Eduardo Núñez belted a pinch-hit, three-run homer to break open a close game in the eighth inning, and the Boston Red Sox went on to beat the City Royals.

Rafael Devers also drove in a pair of runs for the Red Sox, who began a grueling stretch of 17 games in 16 days by rallying from an early 2-0 hole against Kansas City.

Eduardo Rodríguez (6-3) was stingy over 5 2/3 innings, allowing just six hits while striking out seven. His only mistake came in the second, when Cheslor Cuthbert hit a two-run shot to left.

## Athletics 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Ramón Laureano has been known primarily for his defense, but the Oakland center fielder is starting to become an offensive presence.

Laureano had two hits, including a home run, to extend his hitting streak to 17 games on Tuesday night as the Athletics snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

"I want to be known as an all-around player," said Laureano, who has the majors' longest active hitting streak and the longest in the American League this season.



# Infantino re-elected as FIFA head through 2023

PARIS (AP)—Gianni Infantino has been re-elected as FIFA president through 2023.

FIFA's 211 member federation acclaimed him without a vote because he was the only candidate.

Infantino, a 49-year-old Swiss lawyer, was first elected in February 2016 to complete the term of Sepp Blatter.

Blatter was forced out of office in fallout from corruption investigations, and is now serving a six-year ban for financial misconduct.

Meanwhile, Infantino said he has banished scandals and corruption from the soccer body despite losing members of his council for misconduct.

"For those who love me, for those who hate me," Infantino said. "I love everyone today."

The 49-year-old Swiss-Italian was first elected in 2016 in the wake of Sepp Blatter's downfall amid the biggest scandal in FIFA's history.

"Remember the state of FIFA at that congress," Infantino said. "Well the last three years and four months have certainly not been perfect. I have made mistakes certainly and I try to improve and do this better but today on an election



FIFA president Gianni Infantino, right, is congratulated by FIFA secretary general Fatma Samoura after been re-elected as FIFA president through 2023 during the 69th FIFA congress in Paris, Wednesday, June 5, 2019. FIFA's 211 member federation acclaimed him without a vote because he was the only candidate.

land, were gone within a year.

Another independent official left abruptly weeks after finding that Russian Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko was too conflicted to retain his FIFA Council seat while also implicated in a state-sponsored doping scandal.

But Infantino told FIFA's 211 member associations that "we have turned the situation around" since the Blatter era.

"This organization went from being toxic, almost criminal to what it should be—an organization that develops football, an organization that cares about football," Infantino said. "We have transformed it into a new FIFA—an organization which is synonymous with credibility, trust, integrity, equality, human rights."

Infantino used his first term to enlarge the men's World Cup from 32 to 48 teams. That will start in 2026 when the United States, Canada and Mexico co-host the event. Plans to fast-track expansion for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar were derailed by the Gulf political crisis and human rights issues.

day nobody talks about crisis. Nobody talks about rebuilding FIFA from scratch. Nobody talks about scandals. Nobody talks about corruption."

A generation of soccer leaders in North and South Amer-

ica were swept from power in 2016 after American and Swiss prosecutors targeted financial corruption linked to the game's governing bodies.

In the Infantino era, four

continental soccer organizations each lost elected FIFA Council members amid allegations of corruption or financial misjudgments.

FIFA senior vice president



David Chung of Papua New Guinea was banned for 6 1/2 years. Kwesi Nyantakyi of Ghana was banned for life. Sheikh Ahmad of Kuwait withdrew his re-election candidacy when implicated in bribing voters. Reinhard Grindel of Germany resigned.

Infantino was also investigated, and soon cleared, in 2016 by the FIFA ethics committee for his use of private jets. The investigators and judges who ran that case, from Germany, Guam and Switzer-

## Patriots to merge new elements with old ones



**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.**—Tom Brady made his much-anticipated return to the NFL universe on Tuesday as the New England Patriots opened their mandatory minicamp. He was sharp, energetic and even inspiring, hitting one target after another.

No, Mets fans, the "other" Tom Terrific has not lost his fastball or touch pass.

If only Bill Belichick served up some props.

Most coaches would be thrilled to see their 41-year-old quarterback can still drop a dime down the seam after skipping all of the voluntary work again this offseason, but Belichick is the antithesis of that notion. When someone asked how impressed he was with Brady's showing, Belichick grumbled.

"There were 90 guys out there," Belichick replied. "I can't watch 'em all."

Of course, Belichick probably doesn't need a display of what he's seen from Brady for a few years running. Last year, the big story line at this stage involved Brady skipping the voluntary work as part of a supposed rift with the coach. Then they went out and won Super Bowl No. 6 together.

The nonchalance from Belichick—who pointed out that Tuesday marked practice No. 6, to be exact—is what never changes with this setup. Belichick likes to hammer home the idea that every year is a new year, every team a new creation, starting from scratch.

To a large degree, that's true. Players come and go. Coaches leave. Injuries happen. New deal.

This time, the Patriots are beginning life without Rob Gronkowski. They'll switch in a new left tackle, 2018 first-round selection Isaiah Wynn,

to protect Brady's blind side. Trey Flowers is gone from the defense, though Jamie Collins has returned and Michael Bennett has arrived from Philadelphia. There's a new big-play receiver in the mix in first-round pick N'Keal Harry.

Furthermore, Belichick is breaking in a few new pieces on the NFL's smallest coaching staff. Brian Flores, the linebackers coach and de facto coordinator, left to become the Miami Dolphins' coach. Five others off last year's staff are gone, too. The man hired to coordinate the defense, Greg Schiano, resigned a few weeks into the gig.

So it seemed fitting that there was heavy construction machinery situated Tuesday on a Gillette Stadium concourse that overlooked the practice fields.

That's how it works at this place. Something is always getting fixed, tweaked or upgraded. The stadium construc-

tion project involved building out a plaza to facilitate a gathering place adjacent to the concession stands. The team construction involves defending a championship while making a new model.

Yet as long as Belichick and Brady are in tow, it still feels like the same old Patriots, with some new layers added to the ultimate coach-QB foundation. That's not exactly starting from scratch, as good as that sounds. The culture with the Patriots is too rich for that.

Of course, Belichick sets the right tone.

Check out the jerseys: The rookies are all wearing numbers in the 50s and 60s. Harry had on No. 50. Second-round corner Joejuan Williams was No. 51. Even Collins, a seventh-year linebacker, was relegated to wearing No. 8.

They will earn their numbers and at the end of practice, they ran sprints up a hill.

This is starting from scratch.

at the break before coming to life in the second half. Victoria Camama's goals in the fifth and 12th minute gave TanHoldings a 2-0 lead in the first half. Amelia Quintos' shot in the first minute of the second half moved Kanoa within one before Melanie Santos' goal in the 30th tied the match. Kanoa went on to steal the win from TanHoldings off Tolentino's go-ahead goal four minutes later.

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Maria Ornes and Rena Reftang scoring.

Ornes had a pair of goals in the first half, making her first in the 13th minute and the second a minute later, while Aimee Weiss also had back-to-back (fourth and fifth minute) and MP United got two, too from Laarni Zapanta (11th and

21st) plus the goal of Chiharu Sato in the 22nd to take the lead at halftime.

Another goal from Weiss to start the second half gave MP United a 6-2 advantage, but Topnotch threatened to pull the rug under its foe when Ornes drilled two more goals (47th and 48th minute) and Reftang made it three in a row for their team in the 49th. However, MP United held its ground on de-

fense in the last minute of the match to keep the win.

## Kanoa 3, TanHoldings 2

The last game in the triple-header was also decided by only one goal with Kanoa edging TanHoldings.

Merlie Tolentino delivered the eventual game winner in the 34th minute to hand Kanoa a come-from-behind victory.

Kanoa faced a 0-2 deficit

separate course for youth will be announced later.

The first leg of the series next week will be held in the waters off Kili Beach with check-in at 7am and race time at 8am, while venues for the last two have yet to be determined.

For more information, contact race director Valerie Hofschneider at 989-1797. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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they will place in the races. More points will be awarded in the championship leg and NMNPSF will be giving cash prizes to the overall top finishers in six categories: open men and women SUP, open men and women V1, 16 and under SUP, and 16 and under V1. A

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budget will be disbursed in 2021—the same year that the Mini Games is scheduled.

"A little (expenditure) in calendar year 2019. More in 2020, and then over 60 percent of the budget in calendar year 2021," the council official said.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista acknowledged receiving the council's proposal, which they will carefully review.

"We have received the proposal and are currently evaluating the feasibility of hosting the Games under these conditions. The governor and lieutenant governor have already had several meetings with the PGC, various stakeholders, and athletes, and their goal is to ensure that we have a finan-

cially prudent decision," Bautista said.

The suggested budget is \$5 million lower than the initial proposal and is only good for six sports—instead of the required 12. The council offered a scaled down Mini Games when Torres announced last April that the government will not be able to provide funding for the competition before having a change of heart last month.

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi clarified that the lottery/scratchies earnings go to CNMI athletes participating in off-island competitions, like this summer's Pacific Games in Samoa. NMSA then relies on government funding for the operation and maintenance of the Oleai Sports Complex.



WORLD CUP  
PREVIEW

All eyes on  
US; Netherlands  
favored

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Ranked No. 1 in the world and the defending champion in the FIFA Women's World

Cup 2019, the U.S. is the overwhelming choice to top Group F, which also has Sweden, Chile, and Thailand.

If there's a team in Group F that would likely challenge

the three-time champions Americans for the No. 1 spot, it's perennial World Cup participant Sweden. The last time the Blue and Yellow and the Star and Stripes met, the

former knocked out the latter in the quarterfinals of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, denying the U.S. a podium finish for the first time in history.

No. 9 Sweden finished first in the European Zone Group 4 to qualify in France. The U.S. was unbeaten in the regional qualifier, did not allow a single goal, and defeated Canada in the finals of the CONCACAF Women's Championships to make it in all eight editions of the World Cup—the same number of appearances for Sweden.

No. 39 Chile, on the other hand, will be making its debut in France, while No. 34 Thailand will be competing for the second time. The Thais had their best showing in the AFC Women's Asian Cup in the last 32 years—a fourth place finish. Chile only lost one game (versus regional champion Brazil) in the World Cup qualifier, won three, and had three draws. Meanwhile, although ranked No. 8—three notches behind Canada—the Netherlands, is

the early favorite in Group E after winning the European championship in 2017 and ruling last year's Algarve Cup. Make 2017 FIFA Best Women's Coach Sarina Wiegman a plus factor for the Dutch.

Canada is the bronze medal winner in the last two Olympics and also ranked third in the Algarve Cup, making the Canucks a tough customer for the Netherlands.

Interestingly, the two teams meeting in 2015 ended in a draw, 1-1.

No. 19 New Zealand is hoping to bring its winning ways in Oceania Football Confederation Women's Nations Cup to France to make it past the group stage. No. 46 Cameroon advanced to Round of 16 in 2015, but has since struggled then and needed a win in its last game (versus Mali) to qualify in France.



WOMEN'S WORLD CUP  
FRANCE 2019

GROUP E SCHEDULE			
	Canada	VS	Cameroon
(June 11, 5AM)			
	New Zealand	VS	Netherlands
(June 11, 11PM)			
	Netherlands	VS	Canada
(June 21, 2AM)			
	Netherlands	VS	Cameroon
(June 15, 11PM)			
	Cameroon	VS	New Zealand
(June 21, 2AM)			

GROUP F SCHEDULE			
	Chile	VS	Sweden
(June 12, 2AM)			
	U.S.	VS	Chile
(June 17, 2AM)			
	U.S.	VS	Thailand
(June 12, 2AM)			
	Sweden	VS	U.S.
(June 21, 5AM)			
	Sweden	VS	Thailand
(June 16, 11PM)			
	Thailand	VS	Chile
(June 21, 5AM)			

Source: FIFA.COM (Schedule is based on Saipan Time)







Just like old times, Federer vs Nadal in France

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## PACIFIC MINI GAMES HOSTING

# Deferred expenditure to 2021

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The Pacific Games Council has submitted a proposal to the Office of the Governor that would delay the disbursement of funds for the CNMI's hosting of the Pacific Mini Games until 2021.

"We have outlined the proposed expenditure and the vast majority is deferred until FY 2021," said PGC executive director Andrew Minogue.

The Fiji-based council had to work on a payment plan for the quadrennial event that may be held in the Commonwealth for the first time upon the request of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. Last month, the governor announced that the CNMI can "reasonably" host the Mini Games for the proposed \$3-million budget if funding would take into consideration



the financial challenges the islands have been going through after getting hit by Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year.

The council declined to provide detailed information about its proposal, but Minogue said more than half of the suggested

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CNMI and Guam runners may race again at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval if the Commonwealth goes ahead with the hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.



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Joshua Andrew paddles in the waters off Killili Beach during a training session last April.

## Choose Your Weapon Summer Series set

Northern Marianas National Paddle Sport Federation will be hosting the Choose Your Weapon Summer Series this month, offering both standup paddling and outrigger canoe races.

A brain child of NMNPSF vice president Dino Manning, the series will take place on June 8, 15, and 29.

The first leg will cover

two miles for SUP, while a five-mile course is up in the V-1 (one-man) canoe race. For the June 15 races, SUP will have a distance of three miles, while the V-1 will be a seven-mile event. Entry fees for each of the first two legs are \$10.

Then for the final leg,



which will be the championship, participants in the SUP will cover four miles, while paddlers in V1 race will navigate a 10-mile course. Entry fee is \$15.

Paddlers will get points in each leg, depending on how

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## Matansa-2 wins battle of sister teams

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Matansa Football Club-2 nosed out Matansa-1, 3-2, during the curtain-raiser in the masters division of the 2019 Dove Spring Women's League last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Valerie Hofschneider scored the winning goal for Matansa-2 in the 31st minute.

Chautima Borja and Chirapan Mcquire also hit the board for Matansa-2 with the former putting their team on top in the seventh minute.

A Wasana Gregory shot in the 15th minute knotted the count, while Mcquire's goal in the 23rd gave the lead back to Matansa-2 before Nang Aldrich's conversion two minutes later forced the second deadlock in the match.

However, Matansa-2 had the last say, thanks to Hofschneider's dagger.

### MP United 6, Topnotch 5

In the second game, MP United withstood Topnotch's rally to escape with a close win.

Behind 2-5 at the break, Topnotch fought back with

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Matansa Football Club-2 players pose for a photo before their earlier game against Matansa-1 in the masters division of the 2019 Dove Spring Women's League at the TSL Sports Complex.